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BRITISH TROOPS PUSH DEEP INTO ETHIOPIA: TAKE IMPORTANT TOWN

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, MAR. 14 (UP).—GENERAL HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAD CAPTURED ATSOSA IN ETHIOPIA.

IT WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE IN WESTERN ETHIOPIA HAD CARRIED OUR FORCES 35 MILES INSIDE THE FRONTIER FROM ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN.

R.A.F. CONTINUES OFFENSIVE

While Nazis Lose Heavily

Special to the "Telegraph"

The tremendous striking power of the Royal Air Force during the past three days, both in attack and defence, is further emphasised by "United Press" despatches from London received here this morning.

FEAR OF STARVATION IN EIRE

DUBLIN, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—People had died from starvation before, but if they took care now it would not happen here even if the war lasted a long time, said Mr Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, in the Dail today.

The greatest of all calamities they had to fear, he said, was that they would not have enough food. If the circumstances got so bad that such steps were needed, the State might examine its rights to direct the use of private property.

They regarded such interference, unless it could be proved absolutely necessary, as unwise because it created greater problems than those which it sought to solve.

There would be considerable unemployment and it could not be avoided.

Aircraft Trespasses

DUBLIN, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—An unidentified aircraft flew over Dublin Bay about noon to-day and was fired on by the ground defences.

This statement was issued by the Eire Government this afternoon.

NAZI AIR RAID CASUALTIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Mar. 14 (UP).—The official news agency reports that over 50 persons were killed or buried when the Danneberg and Saint Geragen hospitals received direct hits from bombs last night. It is claimed that the R.A.F. again dropped bombs on the residential area.

Twenty-Six Killed

LONDON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—Berlin evening papers state that 26 people were killed and 28 injured as the result of the R.A.F. raid on Berlin on Wednesday.

U.S. Defence Materials Shipped to Britain

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—Some defence material, transferred from the United States to Britain, has already started for its destination.

Colonel Henry L. Stimson, the War Secretary, announcing this to-day, said that he did not give details as he thought it a premature disclosure and would be unfair to Britain.

Transfer of Ships

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—There had been no decision as regards transferring additional naval craft to Britain, declared President Roosevelt at the press conference today.

Reports of transferring 100 naval

Meanwhile, Ethiopian patriots had occupied positions near Debra Markos and were now within 115 miles of Addis Ababa.

This announcement indicates a rapid movement towards Addis Ababa along a new route which was opened when the British forces regained control of the western plateau escarpment.

Resistance Dying

NAIROBI, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—British operations in Abyssinia continue according to plan while mopping-up operations in Italian Somaliland are rapidly ending with the capture or surrender of the last remnants of the enemy.

These latest developments are contained in an official communique, which adds: "Since the advent of the troops and slouch hats of the Imperial troops, which are now a familiar feature in Italian Somaliland as they were in Kenya, fresh confidence has been instilled in many native inhabitants and conditions throughout the occupied territory are rapidly becoming normal."

SHIPPING SECRECY

Transportation Regulation Published To-day

The following order is published in to-day's "Government Gazette": "No person shall display or publish for general information any notice, list or advertisement containing: (a) the names, tonnage or sailing dates of any British or allied ships or of any neutral ships which are under British or allied requisition or Government charter; or (b) any information relating to the arrival in or departure from this Colony of any person by land, sea or air."

Nothing in this order shall prevent the giving of reasonable and necessary information by shipping offices and travel agencies confidentially to their customers.

This order may be cited as the Publication of Shipping and Travel Information Order, 1941.

MR MENZIES' VISIT TO U.S.

—On Way Home

LONDON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—At the impending conclusion of his visit to Britain Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will possibly be able to fulfil his hopes and call at America on route for home.

Australia has many problems in common with the United States and Mr Menzies could discuss with President Roosevelt questions like shipping and buses, etc.

Mr Menzies' stay in Britain has been highly valuable not only to Australia but to members of the War Cabinet, of which he has been a member during his visit.

EMPTY BOTTLES TO STAY HERE

A new order under the Importation and Exportation Ordinance is promulgated in the Government "Gazette" prohibiting the export from the Colony of any empty bottles or empty carboys.

A bottle or carboy which has been emptied of its original commercial contents and refilled or partly refilled with material or liquid of no commercial value, will be considered empty for the purpose of this regulation.

The regulation became effective on March 14.

Optical Equipment

Mr E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade, is empowered to prohibit the export of optical glass and all equipment for the manufacture of optical instruments.

Whole Battalions Of Italians Wiped Out

ATHENS, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—Whole battalions of Mussolini's troops were wiped out when the Italians resumed their offensive along a 17-mile front in Albania, says the Athens radio.

Fresh Italian troops brought from Italy were thrown into the battle. The Italian attacks were repeated and violent.

The action began with a heavy artillery bombardment and many Italian planes participated.

The first Italian onslaught was exceptionally fierce but completely failed. The Italians then brought up more reserves and made further attacks. These also failed under the withering fire of the Greeks who dealt destruction to the advancing enemy.

At many points, as soon as the Italians were repulsed, the Greeks pursued them and drove them from the positions to which they had fallen back.

Seizure Of French Ship

S. African Decision

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—South Africa has taken the responsibility for the detention of the French cargo vessel, Ville de Majunga.

Questioned in the Assembly regarding the seizure of the vessel off the South African coast by a British warship, the Minister of Commerce declared that the vessel had not been seized but was ordered by the British authorities to proceed to Cape Town where she was requisitioned for use by the Union or the Allies.

This was done under the Union's war regulations.

It was an action of the Union Government and no protest had been lodged by the French Minister in South Africa.

RETRIBUTION

Early Hitler Friend In Hands Of Gestapo

LONDON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—Dr Fritz Thyssen, the well-known German industrialist, was among the group of political refugees living in south France recently handed over to the Germans by the Vichy authorities under the Armistice terms, according to French circles in close touch with Vichy.

Thyssen is said to have been transferred from Cannes to a German "sanatorium."

"Considerable Men & Materials Were Captured"

This was the official claim made daily during the British offensive in the Western Desert, and here are two pictures to prove. In one photograph is shown a long line of Italian motor vehicles which the Imperial forces captured, and the other picture shows an endless column of Italian soldiers, marching back to British headquarters under escort.



KING'S MESSAGE TO ALL INDIA

NEW DELHI, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—His Majesty has sent the following message to India:

"After the outbreak of war, I expressed confidence that in the coming struggle I could count on sympathy and support from every quarter in the Indian continent in the face of a common danger."

"This confidence has been fully justified, for throughout the 18 hard months the help of the Princes and the people of India has been generous and unflinching."

"The loyalty of the Indian Princes was never more openly displayed, while from the provinces and the states, a constant invaluable stream of men, money and material has flowed to swell the Empire's war resources."

"Moreover, while Indian fighting forces are upholding in many scattered theatres of war the military traditions for which India is justly famed, her people are giving freely to relieve suffering and distress."

"I thank the Princes and people of India from my heart for their noble response and their kind sympathy. I know that the ideals for which we are fighting are as deeply cherished in India as throughout the British Commonwealth. I am confident that the magnificent support which India has so readily and unsparsingly given will be maintained until victory crowns our arms."

Viceroy Replies

The Viceroy has replied, sending on behalf of the Princes and the people of India warmest thanks for His Majesty's very gracious message.

The Viceroy added: "Nothing could be of greater encouragement here in the common task than Your Majesty's generous words. I am confident that I speak for the Princes and people of India in assuring Your Majesty that no effort shall be spared on our part which can conduce to the triumph of our cause and the ideals for which we are fighting."

H.E. The Governor

It is notified in the Government Gazette that His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Alexander Stafford Northcote, K.C.M.G., having returned to the Colony, resumed the administration of the Government on March 13.

Chinese Bring Down Six Japanese Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 14 (UP).—It is officially stated that six out of 12 Japanese bombers who were raiding Chengtu to-day were shot down by Chinese fighter planes. Four crashed near Chengtu while two others, which suffered serious damage in a running battle, crashed near Wanhshien.

A second batch of 19 Japanese planes went as far as Wanhshien and then returned to their bases.

Nine Japanese planes bombed Patung yesterday, while 11 Japanese planes attacked Enshih later the same day and dropped 20 bombs. Twelve houses were destroyed, but the casualties were slight.

Heavy Japanese Losses

CHUNGKING, Mar. 14 (UP).—A communique issued today states that the Japanese suffered 7,000 casualties in a sanguinary five day battle south of the Yangtze opposite Ichang. It is said to be the greatest victory for the Chinese since Tientsin, and Changsha.

Japanese Version

A JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE IN CENTRAL CHINA, March 13 (Domei).—Formations of Japanese planes on the ground.

Other Japanese air units bombed the headquarters of the Chinese Sixth War Zone at Enshih in southwestern Hupeh Province, the communique further revealed.

All Japanese planes which participated in the successful attacks in Szechuen and Hupeh safely returned to their bases, the communique claimed.

The Japanese planes which appeared over Chengtu in the afternoon, also set fire to four other Chinese (Domei).—Formations of Japanese planes on the ground.

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12.20 Mendelssohn—Odet in E Flat Major, Op. 20.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Irving Berlin Selections.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Mantovani and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Tino Rossi (Tenor) and the Orchestra Mascotte.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk by Sir Hugh Walpole.

7.30 London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An hour of Popular Classics.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Local sport results.

9.35 A Manned Programme.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—Music Hall.

11.00 Dance Music with Variety.

12.00 midnight Close down.

To-morrow's Programme

Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 12.15-2.30 p.m. and 8-10.35 p.m. on 0.2 c/s. per second.

10.0-11.0 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St Joseph's Church.

12.15 p.m. Beethoven—Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 73 "Emperor."

12.55 A Song by Esie Ackland (Contralto).

Break Fastest Dawn (Händel).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 A Noel Coward Programme.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Blak's "Carmen" Act III.

2.30 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Britain Speaks.

Talk by the Hon. Mr. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia.

7.30 A Light Orchestral Programme with Grace Moore (Soprano).

8.00 Local Time Signal.

8.02 Reclad by Y. K. Ste (Bass) and John Smith (Organ) from St John's Cathedral.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ARTS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, 22nd March, 1941.

"THE HORSEDEALER'S STORY" and

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Overture begins at 8.20 p.m. not 8.45 p.m. as previously advertised.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager. Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 Talk by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G. from Government House.
9.30 Poppy—Suite Orientale.
The Bajaderes—On the Shores of the Ganges—The Dancers—The Patrol—Grand Symphony Orchestra.
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 Excerpts from Handel's "The Messiah."

10.02 Bach—Toccata in C Minor.
Prelude-Adagio-Fugue (Allegro sostenuto)—Fugue (Allegro energico)—Arthur Schnabel (Piano).
10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.
Conducted by a Minister of the Methodist Church.
10.35 Close down.

G. R. UNITED KINGDOM FOOD IMPORTS

The attention of all importers of foodstuffs (including liquids) from the United Kingdom, is again drawn to Government Notification No. 282 of 7th March, 1941, which states inter alia,

"All firms, Hong Kong companies and individuals who import foodstuffs (including liquids) directly to Hong Kong from the United Kingdom are required to register themselves at this office by letter on or before 15th March, 1941, when a number will be allotted to them in connection with permission to import into this Colony from the United Kingdom. Importers are warned that failure to register by 15th March, 1941, may involve refusal of such permission if application is received at a later date."

D. L. NEWBIGGING, Controller of Food. 13.3.41.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Company held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON, Secretary and Manager. Hongkong, 14th February, 1941.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Concert of Sacred Music On Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, March 16, 3rd Sunday in Lent. Services in English—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist. Preacher: The Rev. Canon J. C. V. Thrift. Hymns:—Processional 397. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah. Gradual 430. Lord and master. Offertory 312. Here, O my Lord. Recessional 405. How sweet the name. 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher: The Rev. A. F. Rose. Subject: "The Idea of Right and Wrong." Hymns: 1. 440. O God of truth. 2. 401. Hail, friends. 3. 277. The day thou gavest. Services in Mandarin—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher: Rev. I. Y. Hu of the Church of Christ in China. There will be a concert of sacred music held in the Church at 4 p.m. This is being arranged by the Mandarin congregation. There will be collection at the service of which will go towards the cost of an organ. Note—There will be as usual supper and discussion in the Vicarage after the evening service to which all are welcome. Monday, March 17—S. Patrick, Bishop and Patron Saint of Ireland. Holy Communion 7 a.m. Thursday, March 20—Holy Communion 7 a.m. Morning Prayer and Mass will hold their usual weekly meeting in the Vicarage at 10 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church at 10.15 a.m. Friday, March 21—The Vicar and Christ Church Fellowship, "At Home" in the Vicarage 8 p.m. All welcome.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (GARDEN ROAD)

3rd Sunday in Lent, Communicants' Fellowship. 8 a.m. Holy Communion and in Peak Church. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. The Dean. 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Evening and sermon. Preacher: Rev. C. Strong, R.N. The Social Hour will be held in the Cathedral Hall immediately after Evensong, and all will be welcomed. Wednesday, Intercession 5.20 p.m. followed by discussion in Cathedral Hall. The Social Service—Christian Immortality. Holy Communion will be celebrated on:—7.30 a.m. Thursday; 7.45 a.m. Friday. Notices for the Week. Admittance in the Cathedral Hall on Monday, 8 p.m. Sick Intercessions on Thursday, 10.15 a.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (218, NATHAN ROAD)

Sunday, March 16—11 a.m. Morning Worship followed by Communion Service. Speaker: Mr. Anell Nance. Subject: "Faith & Obedience." 3 p.m. Sunday School; 3 p.m. Young Men & Young Ladies Bible Classes at 9 Hill Wood Road. Teachers: Mr & Mrs Anell Nance; 7.30 p.m. Song Service followed by Gospel Message. Speaker: Major W. Derby. "He who believes in Him (the Lord Jesus) is not sentenced; he who will not believe is sentenced already, for having refused to believe in the Name of the only Son of God." Monday—7.30 p.m. S. C. A. Tuesday—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at 9 Hill Wood Road. Teacher: Mrs. Lechmere Cliff. Subject: Ezekiel Chapter 29; 3 p.m. Amah's Meeting at 9 Hill Wood Road; 7.30 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Wednesday—7.30 p.m. Women's Sewing Circle at 722 Nathan Road; 8 p.m. Mid-week Service. Leader: Mr Anell Nance. Subject: "Faith & Trust." Friday—4.45 Children's Story Hour at 9 Hill Wood Road; 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Saturday—8 p.m. Choir Practice. Monday & Friday evening Bible Classes as usual.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Morning Service Conducted By Rev. W. H. Alton

Services on Sunday March 16. Preachers—Morning, Rev. W. H. Alton; Evening, Rev. E. Moreton. Morning Prayer Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymns: 601, 703, 544, 660, 103. Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymns: 410, 75, 259, 241. Notices for the Week. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.—Badminton Club at the S. & S. Home. Tuesday at 8.30 p.m.—Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at the S. & S. Home. Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.—House Committee at the S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, March 16—Morning Worship 10.30 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher at both services: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

DAY OF PRAYER

A telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been received to the effect that His Majesty the King has appointed Sunday, March 23 as a national day of prayer for strength and guidance in days to come and of thanksgiving for blessings already received.

G. R. CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade rules.

Particulars of service, etc., may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application in writing should reach that Officer by noon 21st March, 1941.

Applicants must be British subjects, and of British race.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940. The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. COCK, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Reduced Cement Dividends Cause Decline

LONDON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the market was very quiet but generally firm except in industrials where sentiment was adversely affected by reduced cement dividends, which caused a sharp decline of the shares concerned.

Home rails met further provincial inquiry while Brazilian bonds were again supported.

Oils were idle as also were Kamfls apart from early Cape buying. Wall Street was quietly steady.

Superscribed Correspondence Only

POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangau), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Sandakan Mar. 15.
Straits and Rangoon Mar. 10.
Swatow Mar. 10.
United Kingdom and Straits Mar. 17.
Canton Mar. 18.
Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways" (except London) by sea from Singapore Mar. 19.
Calcutta and Straits Mar. 21.
Canton Mar. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 28th February) Mar. 22.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 8 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 15
Straits, and Parcels only for United Kingdom.

K.P.O. & G.P.O.

Parcels, Mar. 15, 3.00 p.m.
Reg., Mar. 15, 4.45 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 15, 5.30 p.m.
Hollo, 5.30 p.m.
Ceylon, India, East and South Africa via San Francisco, 5.30 p.m.

Monday, March 17

Straits and Rangoon, 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco, 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Sandakan 9.30 a.m.
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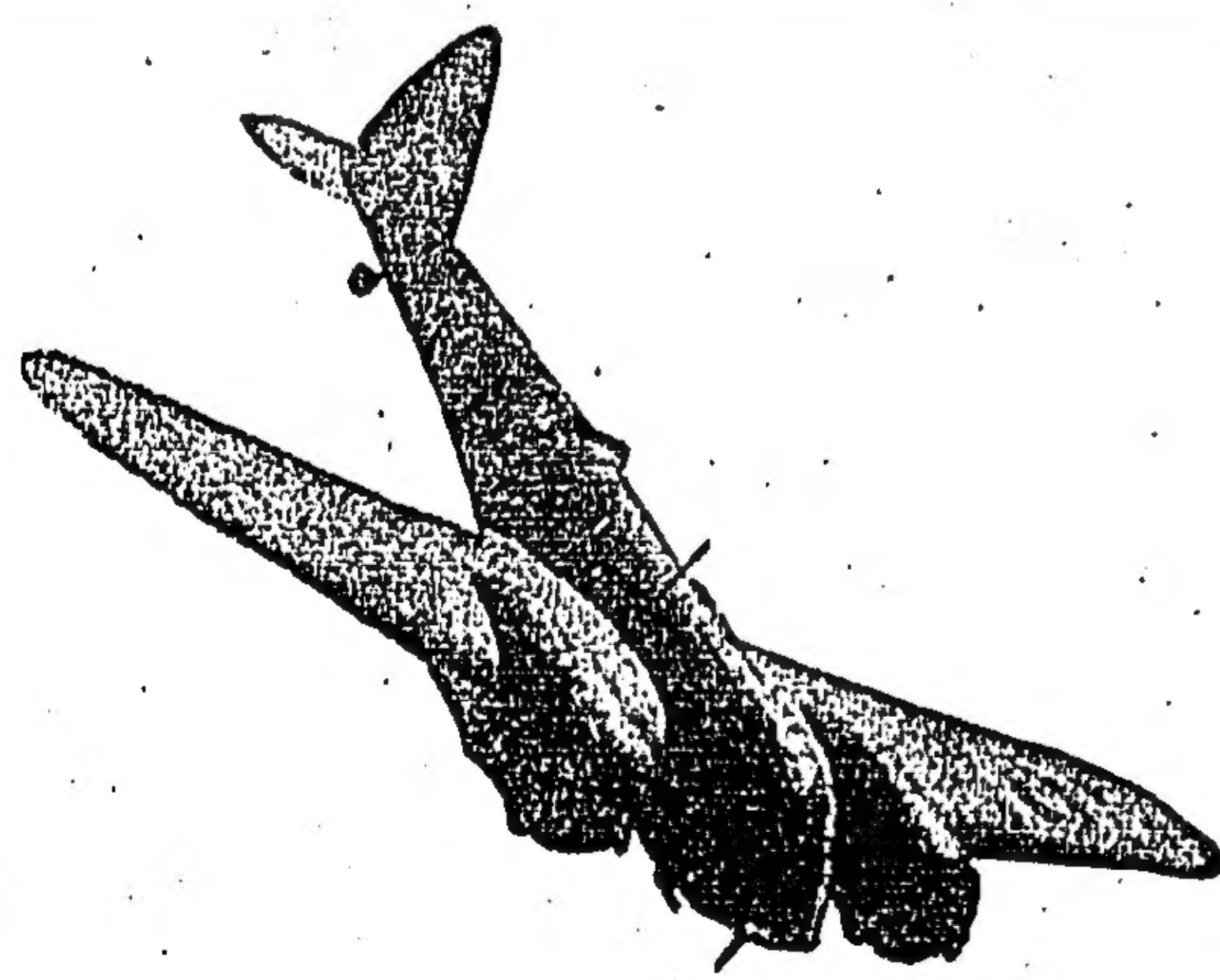
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The Final passage of the Lease and Lend Bill in the House of Representatives by 311 to 71 votes gives an impressive picture of the state of American feeling with regard to Nazism. The two-to-one vote in the Senate expressed the attitude of that body to this particular method of helping the Allies. Had it been a straight vote on whether Britain should be helped or not, without reference to the method, the verdict in this case would also have been almost unanimous. This means that there will be a vigorous implementation of the act just passed, and that the President will exercise his powers under the bill without delay.

The long discussion on the merits of the bill was an advantage in many ways in that the vote represents the considered verdict of the national assembly and, as such, will be accepted in the true democratic spirit. All will co-operate wholeheartedly in helping to realise the aim and object of the bill, which is to destroy the greatest menace that has ever existed to human freedom. "Hitlerism must be destroyed" is the keynote of the Lease and Lend Bill, and to that end the United States now organises her resources and dedicates her labour.

NO HALF MEASURES

One thing is certain, and that is that the clauses of the Lease and Lend Bill will be liberally interpreted and generously ap-

CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

plied, for once the United States solemnly undertakes a task she stops at no half measures. She realises that there are no islands any more. There are none of those geographical units that used to symbolise security and peace—even oceans are easily crossed by bombers, and still more easily are distant continents invaded by new doctrines if the old and tried ones are not resolutely defended.

The passage of the Lease and Lend Bill is a momentous step in American history and marks a crucial stage in the prosecution of this war. Britain will certainly hold the fort until the flying fortresses reach their new base.

America has ceased to be the merchant, selling armaments, and has become the determined opponent of the aggressor nations. Her pacificism and isolationism—splendid ideals as they were—will furnish the greater energy for the destruction of Nazism, which has made these ideals for the present unrealisable. The passage of the bill places Anglo-American relations on a far higher level. The original copy of the Magna Charta, housed in the Congressional Library beside the Declaration of Independence, now takes on a new significance. This unity of ideals and aims is also symbolised in Mr Winston Churchill,

the Prime Minister, whose mother was American and whose father was English, and in no one could it find a more appropriate and happier expression.

The mood of the two nations now is—"Let us not wrangle over our failures of yesterday lest we imperil the success of to-morrow. Let us, together, address ourselves exclusively to the supreme task that lies ahead."

FRANCE AND THE BLOCKADE

Admiral Darlan has carried his objection to the British blockade even further, for he threatens the use of the French navy. This is the first phase of co-operation with Germany. The fear of hunger naturally rouses French feeling, and Admiral Darlan directs it not against the real culprit, Germany, but against Britain. The French, as Lyautey says, must obey their conquerors. They cannot defy them, and so they satisfy their sense of pride by embarrassing Britain. It gives them a feeling of power, and at the same time places the German master.

There are five and a half million farmers on the land in France, who with their families represent half the population of the country. Is it conceivable that such extensive agricultural resources as this implies can fail to provide the necessary food, if it is permitted to reach the French people. Obviously, Germany has

GERMANS IN TRIPOLI

Hitler has sent German troops to Tripoli, which is four hundred miles across the desert from Benghazi and only 50 miles from Tunisia. They are, therefore, not a source of anxiety to us, but they are a grave threat to the French in Tunisia, should General Weygand show signs of non-co-operation. If the Germans can induce Admiral Darlan to antagonise Britain, while they keep watch on the French colonies, then the surrender of France will be complete, since no help whatever can come to France except by British victory which such measures, if they are agreed to by the Vichy Government, would impede.

MUSSOLINI'S ECLIPSE

The eclipse of Mussolini seems to be complete. Italy's strategic points are occupied by the Germans, who have already eliminated Italy from the Balkans. What little remains of her African Empire is occupied by German troops. Tripoli is only a short hop from Sicily, so the mare nostrum is an exploded myth. Neither Abyssinia or Italia Orientale, as Mussolini called it, nor any of his East Africa possessions, have received any supplies from Italy since the war started. They have been entirely cut off from the mother country both east and west, so their collapse is merely a matter of time even if the British armies were not there to hasten the process. Only in Albania is the Duce still busy digging Italy's grave.

The lines in the National Review by Theages sum up the position:

"The noblest lines Simonides ever said:
"Now serve for Musso live or dead."
"Go tell to Hitler thou that I passeth by."
"That here obeying his behests I lie."

Mussolini, by his ill-starred policy, has successfully reduced his nation to abject poverty and degrading servitude.

"In friendship false, implacable in hate
"Resolved to rule or ruin the State"
—exactly describes his character and is a fitting epitaph for him.

MATSUOKA'S TRIP TO BERLIN

Matsuoka has gone to Berlin to confer with Herr von Ribbentrop. What the subject of discussion is about can only be a matter of conjecture.

Germany has made certain demands for help from Japan, but the latter seems to be without any sort of guarantee of help from Germany. It is for the Japanese a one-sided agreement, and is in keeping with the Fuehrer's idea of German hegemony in the world but not with Japan's idea of her role in the Far East.

Germany has appointed Japan as her agent in Asia. It is Japan's business to fit in with the Nazi strategy, and not to pursue an independent policy. Hitler wants an upheaval in which German forces would not be involved, but in which the Japanese would assume all the risks and suffer all the knocks. The amazing thing is that Hitler should have the effrontery to demand this, and that Japan should be willing even for a moment to consider it. The weakening of Japan in the pursuit of such a policy would place her in exactly the same position as Italy, at her disposal. That Italy, instead of looking as though Hitler's aim is to destroy the power of his friends and enemies, he herself with a considerable portion wants no competition for world of her African forces now prisoners domination, not even from his allies. In India while she herself is the very obedient servant of Hitler, is not due to be on the defensive in this coming discussion. He will be full of incompetence. The trouble about the Axis Pact is that each of the partners is looking for profit for himself, and neither can trust the other.

WHAT HE WANTS TO KNOW

What Matsuoka wants to know is whether Germany attack Russia in the idea of national hard hat will come Europe if the latter takes advantage of an exposed flank in Manchuria?

It is this guarantee that Matsuoka wishes to announce publicly to the West and which Ribbentrop will not give, seeing that this would be a reaffirmation of the Anti-Comintern Pact aimed specifically against Russia. This would of course antagonise Russia at a time when her co-operation was most needed, and when Germany wanted to use the full weight of her armament not on the Russian border, but in the Balkans and in Britain, and it would put off the invasion of Britain to the Greek Kalends.

The further Germany advances in the Balkans the longer are her lines of communication, and the less desirous must she be of allowing Russia to become actively hostile. The original Anti-Comintern Pact represents the true mood of Germany and Japan vis-a-vis Russia, whereas Germany's pact with Russia in August, 1939, merely persuaded Japan to suspend active preparations on her part until Germany and Japan were ready to resume their Anti-Comintern policy after the August pact had served its purpose. Russia, by being a party to this opportunist policy, removed the threat of immediate war from her border at a price, but now feels that her position in the future will be precarious, for Hitler has made it clear in "Mein Kampf" that he wants the Ukraine and the oil fields of Baku.

It is not, however, convenient to reaffirm his real intention at the moment and, therefore, the only alternative is an agreement between Germany, Russia and Japan. The amazing feature of this policy, if successful, would be the willingness of Russia to remain blind to her own future fate.

One can imagine the sort of conversation that will take place privately between Matsuoka and Ribbentrop before they approach their victim, Molotov, with proposals that Russia should be her own master until the Anti-Comintern parties are free to carry out the execution.

AXIS POWERS AND CO-OPERATION

Matsuoka's visit is also meant to counter the effect of the Lease and Lend Bill. Japan would like to see Germany provide tangible proof that the Axis pact, so dramatically proclaimed to the world as epoch-making, really meant something. Matsuoka will say that Britain, without any formal alliance with the United States, is to receive all aid short of war and that even now a distinguished writer Pringle, in Current History (an American publication) is demanding that the phrase should be altered to "All aid even if it means war".

To all this Ribbentrop will reply that Germany is not interested in the China Incident nor in Manchuria, and that the best thing Japan can do is to come to terms with both Russia and China. Germany is concerned with only one thing and that is that Japan should get on with the job of expansion south, not in her own interests but in the interests of the Axis and that, of course, means Germany.

Italy has informed Japan that the privilege of being a member of the Axis implies corresponding obligations. Italy expected, when she attacked Greece, that Japan would immediately join the fray and so help to prevent Britain from tearing the Italian Empire into pieces. Japan did not do so, and Italy is asking why.

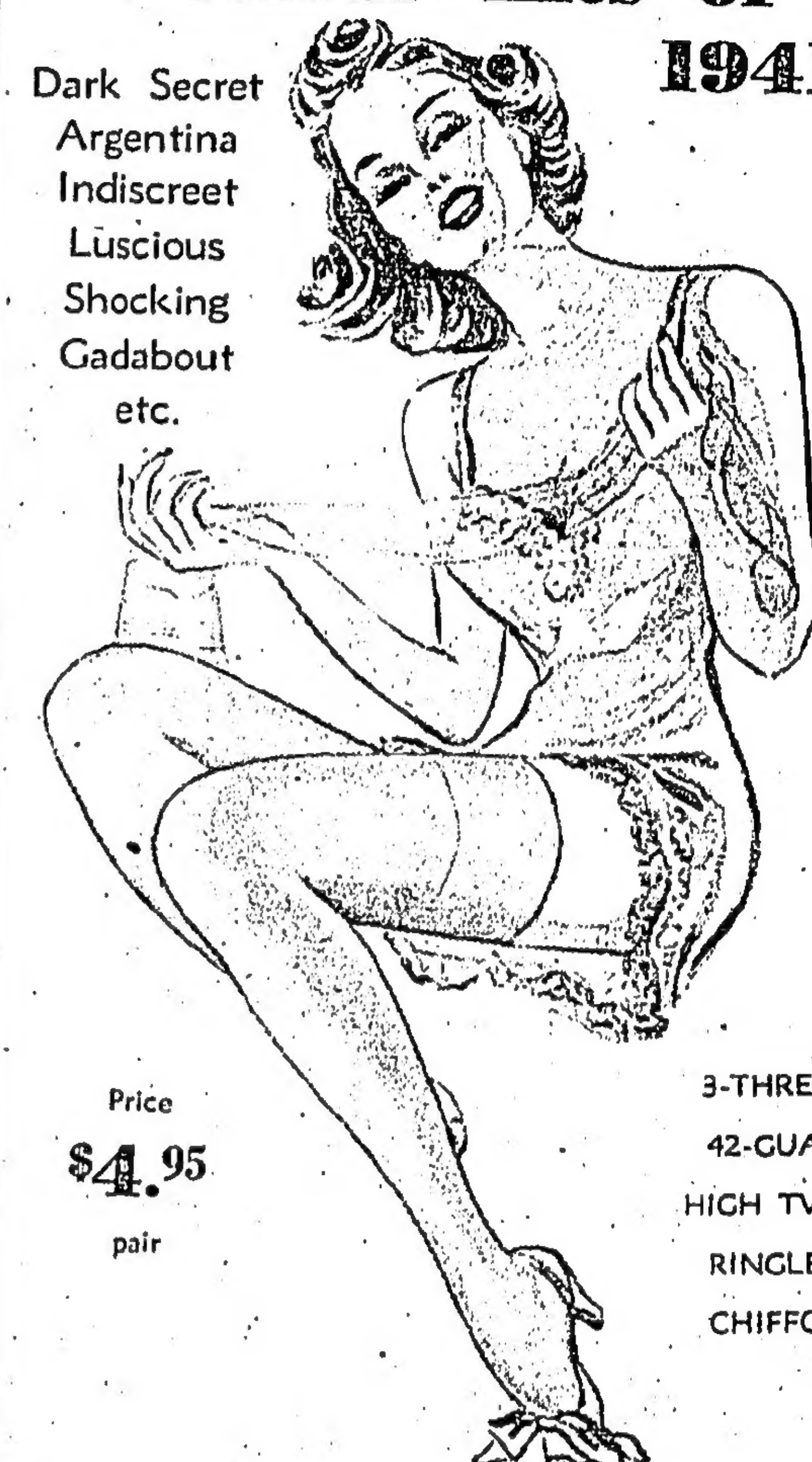
EACH LOOKING TO ITSELF

The Japanese answer is that they are assured from Mussolini's speeches that Italy was immensely strong, as the weakening of Japan in the pursuit of such a policy would place her in exactly the same position as Italy, at her disposal. That Italy, instead of looking as though Hitler's aim is to destroy the power of his friends and enemies, he herself with a considerable portion wants no competition for world of her African forces now prisoners domination, not even from his allies. In India while she herself is the very obedient servant of Hitler, is not due to be on the defensive in this coming discussion. He will be full of incompetence. The trouble about the Axis Pact is that each of the partners is looking for profit for himself, and neither can trust the other.

Instead, then, of regarding this high-sounding appeal as an inducement to go and do likewise, Japan, in contemplating the ruins of the modern Roman Empire, will treat it as a warning. Matsuoka will certainly come away with the expected advice from Berlin, but whether the idea of national hard hat will come Europe if the latter takes advantage of an exposed flank in Manchuria?

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BEHIND THE HEADLINES
By JOHN BLUNT

Since last Saturday, Compton dedicated to all men in the embodiment of the divine James' dissertation on "Religion and War," and the task.

I hate to see parsons delving into politics, and by so doing forsaking my interpretation of their proper sphere. Some writers when he states "Efforts have been made to emphasise the growing paganism of Germany, do not seem to apply themselves as enthusiastically to the realm of Hitler's persecution of the Jews."

It must have been the disregard for religious principles in the deepest sense by the German masses which made them such fertile ground for brutality and hatred against their fellow men. There was never need to make capital out of it, for all decent religious-minded people recoiled from German inhumanity.

"Religion and Peace" would, I think, have provided a better text.

I may be wrong—I hope that I am—but it seems to me that in recent years I have rarely come into contact with the sincere parson so well remembered of my youth. The greatest personalities I have in mind were clerics whose simplicity and kindness endeared them to all a reality in peace as in war. In some parts of the world, what great religious revivals, and inspiring examples are the Church has lost its appeal. What we need to-day is a religious revival in some of the that God's teachers should be

On the other hand, I am refreshed at times to come into contact with the man who, somehow or other, convinces me that he is indeed a minister of God. I feel a better man for having met and chatted with him. I do not mean that he has endeavoured to force religion down my throat. Something about him rings true—his hand-clasp, his sympathetic understanding of the problems of life, his difference, his profound sincerity, his Godliness!

I cannot agree with Compton James when he says that nationalism must come before religion in time of war. I would rather assert that Christian nationalism is not, in my opinion, by any means desirable. In our national past we have seen the Church in some of the that God's teachers should be

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Comment On Hongkong Referees Champions In The Balance

Defects Of Recent Weeks: Good Game Anticipated To-morrow

(By "Scrambler")

QUITE A FURORE has been created by the sudden outburst at the Monthly Meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association regarding the inefficiency and incapability of certain members of the Referees' Association, but to condemn the whole section because to the backwardness of a few, is not fair on refereeing generally in this Colony.

Much has been done to improve the standard of soccer in Hongkong this last few years by the competent way in which games have been handled by the referees, but during the latter part of the present season, much could be written against the way in which these have been managed.

Referees have often gone on the field with one idea—that their decisions are final—and because of this many a wrong decision has been allowed to stand, despite protest by players and officials concerned.

There are several, whose capacity as senior officials should be reviewed; for being unable to follow the trend of an important game throughout should at least bar them from officiating. I do not charge that they are not efficient as far as the rules and regulations of the game are concerned, but that not being physically fit, and being slow in movement, more than hinders them in the efficient handling of a game.

After all, referees are human, and for them to err is quite in order, but when they do err only on the side of one team, then that tendency to err must to all accounts be rectified. I hope the decision of the Association to go into the matter will meet with the approval of all concerned, and that the defects, which have been so prevalent of late, will be weeded out, and out of it all will come order.

Good Game

CHIEF interest this week-end will be in the clash between the Football Association and the Chinese Federation for the Governor's Cup, and two very strong and representative sides have been chosen as under:

Association: Bankier, Roughly, Fraser, Freshwater, Bright and Thomas; Fowler, Le Page, Howlett, Ferrier, Nicolson.

Federation: Chung Wing-choy; Tsang Chung-wan, Ng Kee-cheng; Lau Hing-choy, Hsu King-sing, Soong Ling-sing; C. T. Tsao, Fung.

King-cheung, Lee Wai-long, Chow Man-chi, Hsu Ching-tau.

The Association team is quite sound in defence, but will have to be on their toes against a strong Chinese attack, with Lee Wai-long leading. The Chinese line-up is just to the arrival of the Sing Tao players from Manila, falling which, Lee Kwok-ice, Lo Wai-ken, and Chan Tai-fai will be called to do service.

Eastern on Mettle

SOUTH China will not be in action this week-end, and Eastern will be going all out to obtain both points against the Club, as they cannot afford to lose another point since they are trailing behind South China.

It is reported that the Easterners will have the services of N. Z. Lee, who helped them to get through their last shield game. Chung Yung-sum is on the injured list, and C. T. Tsao will be playing in this position, with Lee taking over the inside left berth. The defence will be much the same; perhaps Kong Sing-king will take over his old berth, with Ng Kee-cheung moving over to the right half to the exclusion of Qui Xiang-fok. Eastern should have no fears as far as this game is concerned, for Club, despite their calling to the senior colours of several of their junior players, will find it hard to stem Eastern's onslaught.

In defence, Club will depend to a great extent to the work of Eardley, Millington and Gratten, and if Skinner is available, his experience will stand them in good stead. Fowler, in attack, needs watching, and if support is forthcoming from Scott TURN to Page 5, Column Four



Hongkong Interport hockey team being introduced by Mr C. Braga to His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Comm. Teixeira, prior to the match at Macao last Sunday.

Week-end Programme

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

To-day.

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v. Kowloon, (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

St Joseph's v. Navy, (Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v. Eastern, (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Club, (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

Service Corps v. Kowloon, (St Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

South China v. Royal Scots (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Kit Chee v. Middlesex, (Club, 3.00 p.m.)

Engineers v. 30th R.A., (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)

Navy v. Sing Tao (Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v. 20th R.A., (Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)

30th R.A. v. 24th R.A., (Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)

7th R.A. v. Engineers (Military, 4.30 p.m.)

R.A.M.C. v. 30th R.A., (Military, 3.00 p.m.)

International v. 12th R.A., (St Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)

A.S.A. v. Shell, (Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

To-morrow

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hongkong Football Association v. Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including taxi) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21020).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE

The next Race Meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, the 23rd of March has been postponed to Sunday, April the 6th, 1941.

By Order of the Stewards,

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Hongkong, 12th March, 1941.

"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

Death Follows Blow During An Army Bout

LONDON, Jan.—After defeating another Army boxer on points in a three rounds contest, Sapper Edwin Walker, 21, sat down to watch the other bouts.

Then he collapsed.

He was taken to Westminster Hospital where he died, although an operation was performed on his head. Dr. Magnus Haines, pathologist, said at a Westminster inquest on him that death was due to cerebral thrombosis, which he thought resulted from a punch on the head rather than from being knocked down. It may have been that certain structures were abnormally thin. There was no evidence of undue external punishment.

Walker's opponent said that he struck Walker once or twice on the head.

The coroner (Mr W. Bentley Purchess) said there was no suggestion of lost tempers or of anything improper. He recorded a verdict of Death by misadventure.—Our Own Correspondent.

Indian R.C. Cricket Teams

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club in League cricket matches to-day.

1st XI v. Civil Service C.C. (away).—K. Nazarin (capt), A. R. Kitchell, M. el Azeuli, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Minu, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Esmael and A. Rahmin.

2nd XI v. Recreio (away).—A. H. Ismail (capt), H. T. Barina, A. el

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Important Matches On To-morrow's Schedule

League's Grand Finale

(By "Ball Fan")

HONGKONG'S SOFTBALL LEAGUES will set out once again to-morrow in their attempt to fizzle old man weather, and resume playing the many postponed games in an effort to finish off the season's calendar.

A six-game programme has been carded, with the V.R.C. vs. Chung Hwa Maroons second division final, and the Maple Leaf Canuckette vs. Wildcat clash, labelled as championship games.

St. Joseph's fence-busting ballhawks and the spectacular Indians should wage a terrific struggle in the men's senior opener starting at 1.15 p.m.

Cesar Xaxler's Panthers tackle the third place Wahooks in a girl's loop finale, while two other senior men's games will round off the Sunday bill session with Omar's Cyclones billed for a fracas with the Chinese Base-balers; the marauding Mohawks take on the rock-bottom Maple Leafs in the nightcap.

IN the opener at 9 a.m. with A. R. Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Bill Woo calling them, original champions of the Second Division will be crowned when Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroons tackle the strong V.R.C. nine with the Linpin Trophy and league pennant at stake. Both teams are tied up there on top with nine wins and to-morrow's encounter should produce real dazzling ball.

In a surprise move, coach Grandpa Leung is sending the wily P. F. Choy to the mound in a big effort to stop the slugging swimmers.

THE veteran Choy has been a standout in local ball circles for years, and this first important assignment on the slab should find him all set with oodles of experience to carry him through any tough spots.

The rearranged Chinese lineup will find spectacular Al Lau, an important part on the Maroon machine, receiving behind the plate. Huffy P. K. Lau is booked to hold down the initial sack with the youthful "Ding" Ho on second and Jimmy Kwok covering the hot corner.

Bill Chang is slated to lend real balance around the character, armed with a great change-up, T. H. Loeng and the red-hot Fung are down to shoot any fly-dropping bulls in the outfield.

The Chinese Maroons present a well-balanced lineup with plenty of fielding class, and have played hustling ball all season to finish in a two-way dead heat at the top.

PLAYING pep-driving ball all year, the aquatic stars from V.R.C. have a hickory-wielding brigade which appears to have the well-known "Edge" sign over the Chinese ball tossers, and will rely on power-clubbing to carry them through to the championship.

The battery of Jock Brown and Alex Azedo have played steady ball throughout the season in carrying the nequede gang up to the highest spot, and ably supported by the infield combination of Manuel Rosa, Abbie Abiong, Roy Maxwell and A. V. Ozorio, V.R.C. fans will be out there at the ball park with great hopes of bringing the brand new trophy home to its first resting place.

Ernie Ribeiro, hero of the bathing stars' last triumph over Chung Hwa, Charlie Quinn and Liang Rosa Pereira have been named.

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Weekly Wind-up

Last Sunday's postponement has caused yet another week's delay in softball's yearly wind-up.—The depressing weather certainly has been giving ball fans a raw deal these past two months.—The long awaited Canadian Chinese vs. English Forum clash is still at its scolding point.—The game will probably be played on March 23.—A big feed is in the bag for the winners.

Here's one for the doghouse review—Dogsone if a player in a Minnesota amateur league didn't get a homer because his long hit rolled into a very much occupied doghouse.—While the pooch snapped and snarled, the opposing out-felder stood helplessly by.—Meanwhile the batter dashed around the bases and scored the winning run.

News in ragtime.—The burly ballhawking Saints claim they cannot win.—As long as Uncle Michael-mus behind the plate, stays in.—And so to out him they begin.—A real old time uprising.—Which to gashouse John is quite surprising. It is very happy indeed.—To hear that prexy Hideson is about to proceed.—With words on the advantages of the floodlight creed.—And so will interest all.—In real big night time ball.

Doc Eddie Gosano joins the injured crew.—And that, to the rough riding Rees, is indeed and news.—It means the famous Reeselo Jinx.—Will be eloped by the Saints next week, me thinks.—We'd like old man weather to bear in mind.—That our softball schedule has fallen far behind.—And if the drizzling rains were to completely stop.—Gashouse John would say, "Hongkong's softball weather is right up there on top."

Softball Schedule.

MEN

9 a.m. Chung Hwa Maroons v. V.R.C. (Referee—J. Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Bill Woo).

GIRLS' LOOP

10.15 a.m. Wahooks v. Panthers. (Referee—J. Delgado, J. Fonseca and G. G. Lee).

11.45 a.m. Canadian Chinese v. Wildcats. (Referee—Ski Powlawski, C. Marques and J. Fonseca).

MEN'S LOOP

First Division

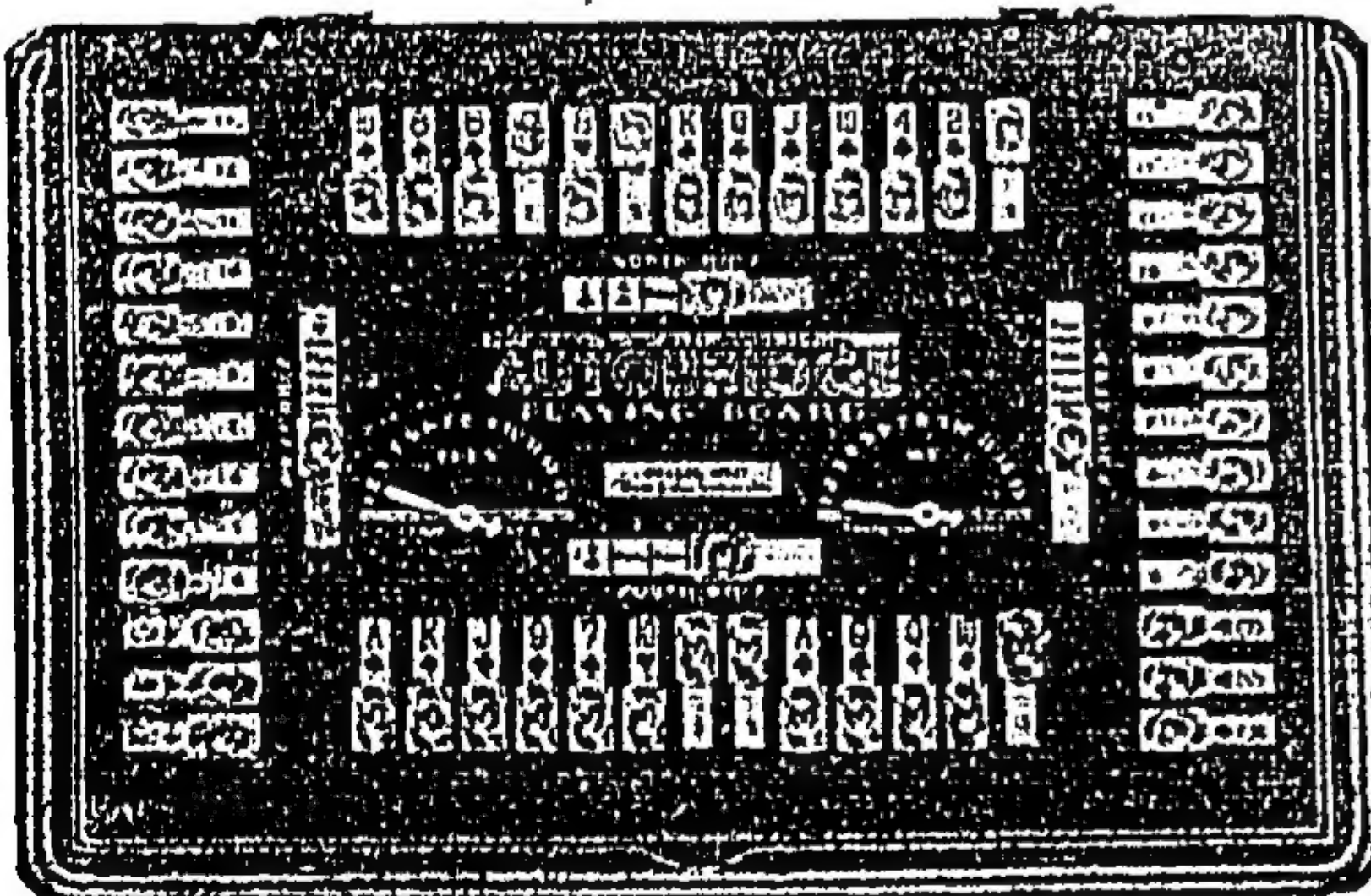
1.15 p.m. St Joseph's v. Indians. (Referee—Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo).
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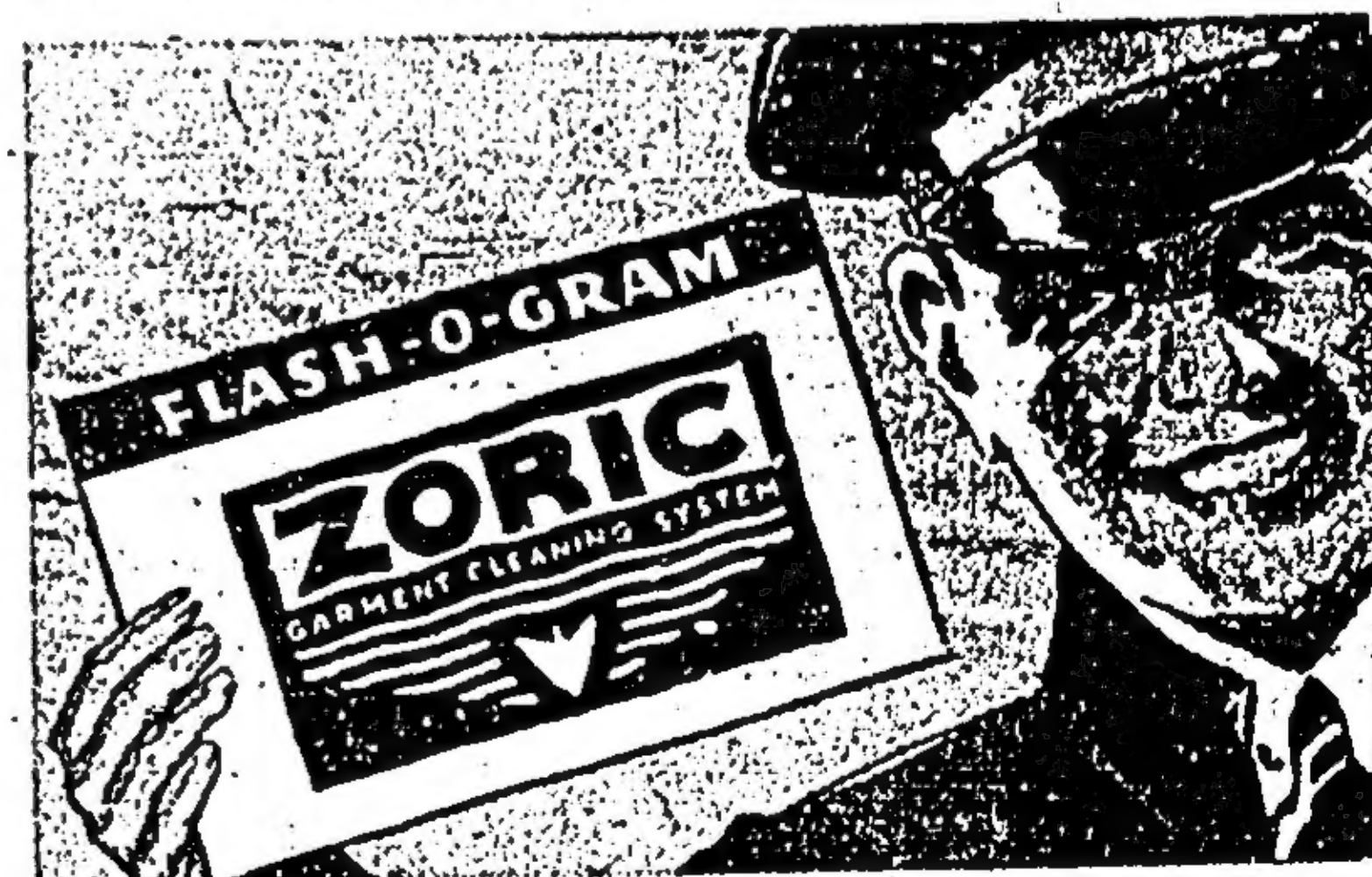
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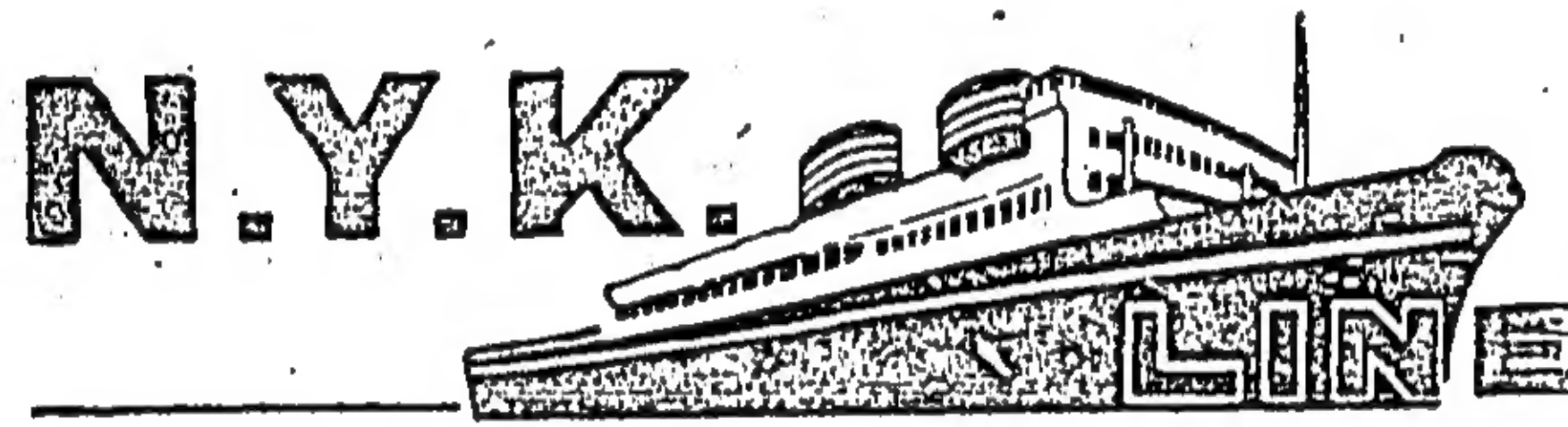
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MATSUOKA'S MISSION

WHY is Mr Matsuoka going to Berlin and Rome? He stated that he has no secret treaty to undertake and there is no need to perfect the tripartite pact between the Axis Powers because it is functioning perfectly already. He hopes to call in on Stalin after seeing the senior partners of the "new order" and it is well known that Tokyo is practically begging for a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union.

Mr Matsuoka is bound by his office and the peculiar demands of Axis diplomacy in replying to press queries as to his true intentions but probably he could have revealed little more even if he had wished to. It seems fairly well established now that Japan fell down on the part assigned to her in the Far East, though whether it was due to the obstinacy of the Dutch East Indies, the bold declarations of Britain and America backed up by Australia in Malaya, or to the revelation of documents following the death of Baron Osumi can only be speculation at present. Perhaps Hitler and Matsuoka feel that personal contact is necessary to assure that there shall be no second failure and that the new orders in Europe and Asia are liable to clash in each side is not thoroughly grounded in the requirements of the other. The Japanese Foreign Minister must have realised that Hitler's promises are worthless and he wants to convince himself of the sincerity and scope of the German leader's plans before pressing forward in his wake.

There are many things which must be settled between the East and the West. Tokyo pays honour to the Netherlands Government in London in order to conduct talks with the Netherlands East Indies authorities. She has not withdrawn recognition from the envoys of Hitler's victims. Germany still recognises Chungking. Italy is for the moment quite in the shade and she can be counted on to play a passive role in the war councils of the totalitarian Powers for the duration. Looming blackly near is the Soviet Union, huge, disorganised, under-armed, under-armed—unknown quantity which nobody wants to stir up for fear that it might explode. If Matsuoka is to succeed at Moscow, he must take with him more than a promise from Hitler that he will not ride roughshod over all the Balkans. How can the Japanese Foreign Minister obtain such assurances? Not at all unless he can show more nuance potential than is the case at present. Japan has already allowed the master policy dictated from Berlin to slow up her war against China and in return she has gained a strong foothold in Indo-China. Against this is the strongest allied democratic front in the Far East that has ever been wrought by the ill-timed policies of one aggressor.

Mr Matsuoka will find little comfort in the Wilhelmstrasse. But his trip will not have been wasted if he can learn the way out of the morass into which he has ventured. It is a pity that he cannot make a journey to London, via Africa and learn what we all know here: the Axis will not win this war; nor, it follows logically, any war.

TAI WO HOSPITAL OPENED

New Institution Very Timely

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall formally opened the Tai Wo Hospital yesterday. He was welcomed by the Chairman, Mr Wai Siu-pak, and the Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr T. C. Yip.

The Chairman gave a brief address in Chinese, thanking Sir Robert for consenting to perform the ceremony, and welcoming the many guests. Sir Robert then said: "This sanatorium meets a distinct want in these days, when the population has enormously increased, with a corresponding increase in sickness. It is very timely in that, in addition to providing a house for the sick, it will also serve as a hospital in times of emergency."

"The hospital is ideally situated, for while it is near to the town, it is away from the noise which a town usually produces. Its situation reminds me of two lines from a Chinese poem:

"I build my house in man's abode, yet I'm free from the din of carriages and horses."

Sir Robert also commented upon the policy of the hospital of catering for both rich and poor, and to cover expenditure. He commented, too, the patriotic spirit of the founders, in particular Mr Wai Siu-pak, Chairman of the Committee.

The Superintendent then handed the keys of the hospital to Sir Robert, who formally declared the institution open. The guests were invited to inspect the buildings, after which a group photograph was taken, and tea was served under the marbled roof erected over the forecourt of the hospital to protect guests from the rain.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, Prof. Iku Tsui-shan, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Dr. Arthur Woo, Mr. F. L. Soong, Mr. A. J. Macdonald, Prof. D. F. Hughes, Dr. F. F. Ashton, Dr. Li Siu-ke, Miss M. Ward, and many others.

Premises Described
The hospital, which consists of two separate blocks of buildings, was formerly the residence of the late Hon. Mr Lau Chu-pak.

The two buildings, which are three storeys high, are connected by covered passageways, the first floor of "A" block running to the ground floor of "B" block, and so on. The Manager's Office, the general office, the Matron's office and the dispensary are situated on the ground floor of Block "A". First and second class patients have a ward each and the three general wards have accommodation for 15 patients. There are altogether 60 beds. The maternity ward, which is on the top floor of the buildings, claims ten. The operating theatre, which is air-conditioned, is on the first floor of Block "A".

Seventeen qualified nurses will be on duty night and day, in charge of Mrs M. K. Kwan the acting Matron. The hospital is owned by the Tai Wo Yuen Co. Ltd. the Chairman of the Board of Directors being Mr Wai Siu-pak. Dr Yip is also a director of the Company.

Wharf Company Make Slightly Smaller Profit

The Directors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. submit their report and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1940, as follows: The profit on working was \$1,540,241.19 as compared with \$1,593,038.07 in 1939. The balance for the year after deducting depreciation, directors' and chairman's fees, and other charges is \$1,036,534.05, which, together with \$424,188.56 brought forward from last year, makes a total of \$1,460,722.61 available for appropriation which the Directors recommend be allocated as follows:

Dividend of 7 per share \$ 630,000.00
Transfer to General Reserve Account 400,000.00
Transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account 15,345.58
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\$1,460,722.61

Directors.—Mr T. B. Wilson resigned on leaving the Colony and Mr W. F. Arndt was invited to join the board; subsequently Mr Arndt retired and Mr Wilson rejoined the Board on his return to the Colony. Mr Wilson's appointment requires confirmation.

Messrs C. C. Black, J. H. Jessen and H. V. Wilkinson resigned on leaving the Colony and Messrs A. H. Veltman and L. J. Davies were invited to join the Board. These appointments also require confirmation.

Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, Mr D. Drummond and Mr. A. H. Compston retired in rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Chartered Accountants, and Messrs Linstead & Davis, Chartered Accountants, have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

Two-Ocean Navy Bill
WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed the bill for \$34,000,000,000 to help finance the United States' two-ocean navy.

Funds for building six battle-cruisers of a new type are provided for in the bill.

Volunteer Orders For The Coming Week

Orders by Colonel H. B. Howe, M.C., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps:

1. Recruits' Medical Examination. Fri. Mar. 21, 11.0 a.m. Orderly Medical Officer—Lieut. A. M. Rodrigues. 4, Parade.

(a) Corps Artillery. (i) Inspection.—The G.O.C. will inspect Corps Artillery on Murray Parade Ground on Sat. Mar. 22. Batteries will fall in at 2.15 p.m. A full dress rehearsal parade will take place on Wed. Mar. 20 at 5 p.m. Dress—G.O.C. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web belt. All ranks must attend both parades unless exemption has been obtained in writing from Battery Commanders.

(ii) 1st Battery.—Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22. G.O.C. inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

(iii) 2nd Battery.—Mon. Mar. 17, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. Artillery Section. Battery practice for G.O.C.'s inspection. Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22—See Corps Artillery Orders above.

(iv) 3rd Battery.—Thurs. Mar. 20, 11.0 a.m. Specialists as detailed for Aberdeen. 1.15 p.m. Remainder of above. Dress as usual. Fri. Mar. 21, D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Ending training. 1.15 p.m. 2nd Battery. Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

(v) 4th Battery.—Thurs. Mar. 19, 11.0 a.m. All Sections. General battery drill and instruction. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, greatcoat (if necessary) and web belt only. Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

(vi) 5th A.A. Battery.—Thurs. Mar. 19, 11.0 a.m. Nov. 1 and 2 Sections. Practice. 1.15 p.m. 2nd Battery. Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

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(xii) 11th A.A. Battery.—Thurs. Mar. 19, 11.0 a.m. Nov. 1 and 2 Sections. Practice. 1.15 p.m. 2nd Battery. Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

(xiii) 12th A.A. Battery.—Thurs. Mar. 19, 11.0 a.m. Nov. 1 and 2 Sections. Practice. 1.15 p.m. 2nd Battery. Wed. Mar. 19 and Sat. Mar. 22. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

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Obstacles In Imperial Way

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 14 (Domest).—The Home Ministry, under Kikuchi Hirofumi, to-day held an important interview with the Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, regarding the projected reorganisation of the National Service Association and the proposed strengthening of the Cabinet's "political power."

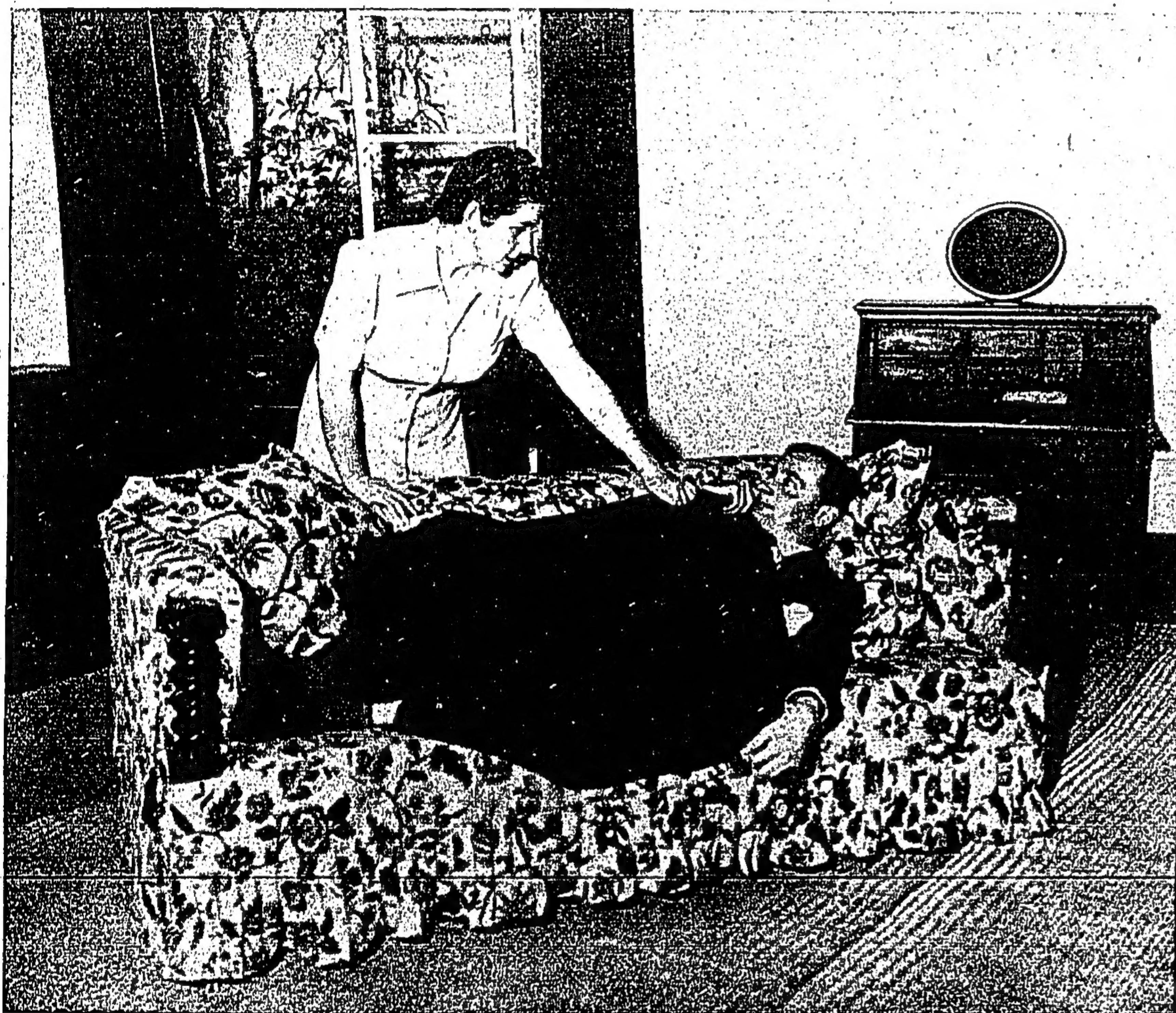
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SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1941.

A. A. Milne's Comedy

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Marianne (Day Sage) discovers William (Claude Burgess) asleep. "Have you been there all the time?"

Sarah (Sheila Mackinlay) arrives unexpectedly to find William bidding Marianne a fond farewell.

Sarah Bendish wrote a farewell note when she left her husband, but her handwriting was difficult to read, and because of this William Bendish named the wrong man as co-respondent. That starts off the complications in this intriguing comedy, which the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club will present at the China Fleet Club Theatre next week, commencing Wednesday. Proceeds are in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the Bomber Fund.

"You'd get a sack on wrong!" Lower left:—Sarah gives Altruda (Joan Critchett) a lesson in the proper putting on of a hat. Lower centre:—Marianne meets Amyas (Tim Fortescue) and Altruda.

"Introducing the 'eadless corpse on Page 1.'" Charles (William Kirby) interrupts William's enjoyment of a thriller.



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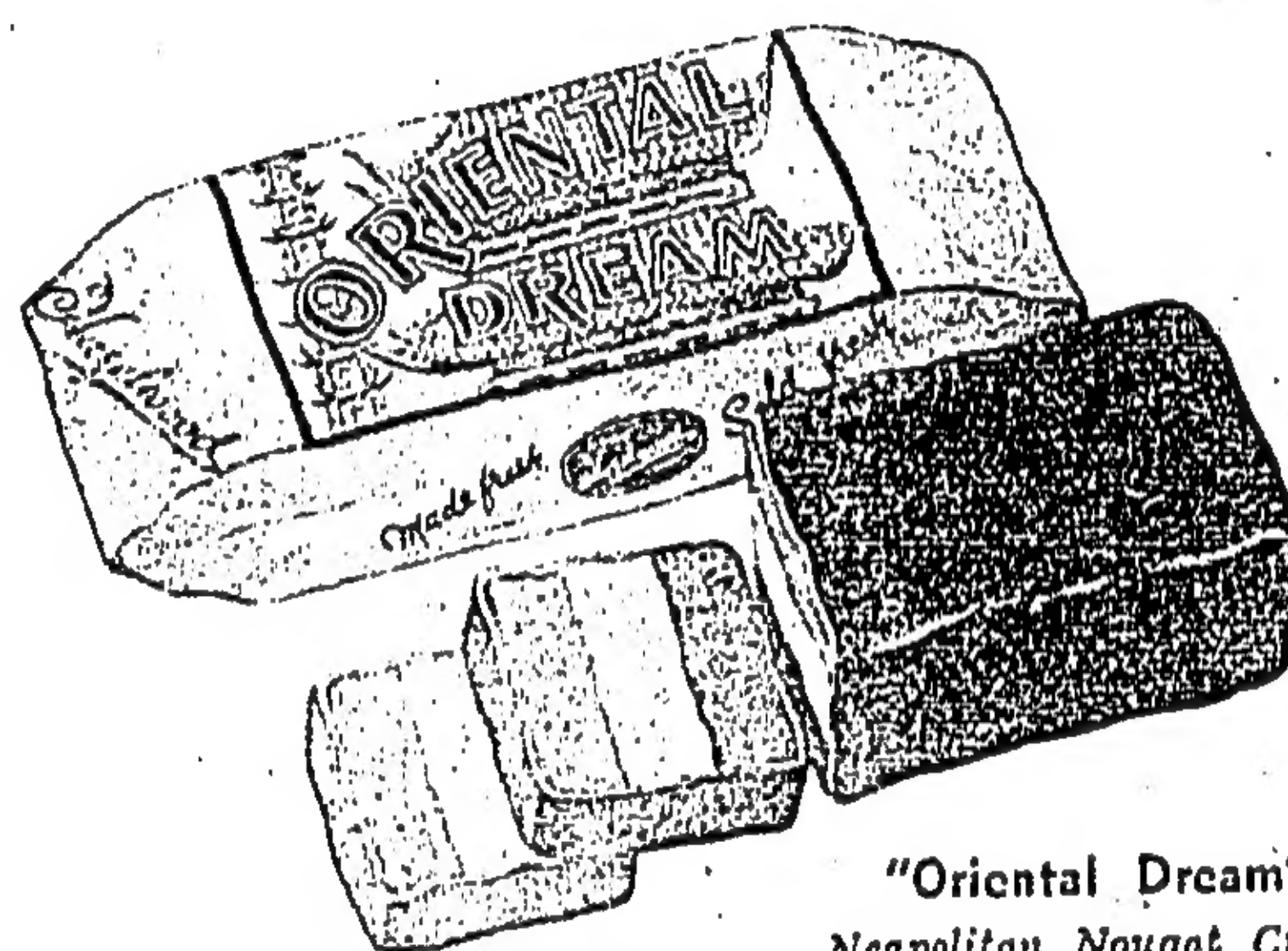


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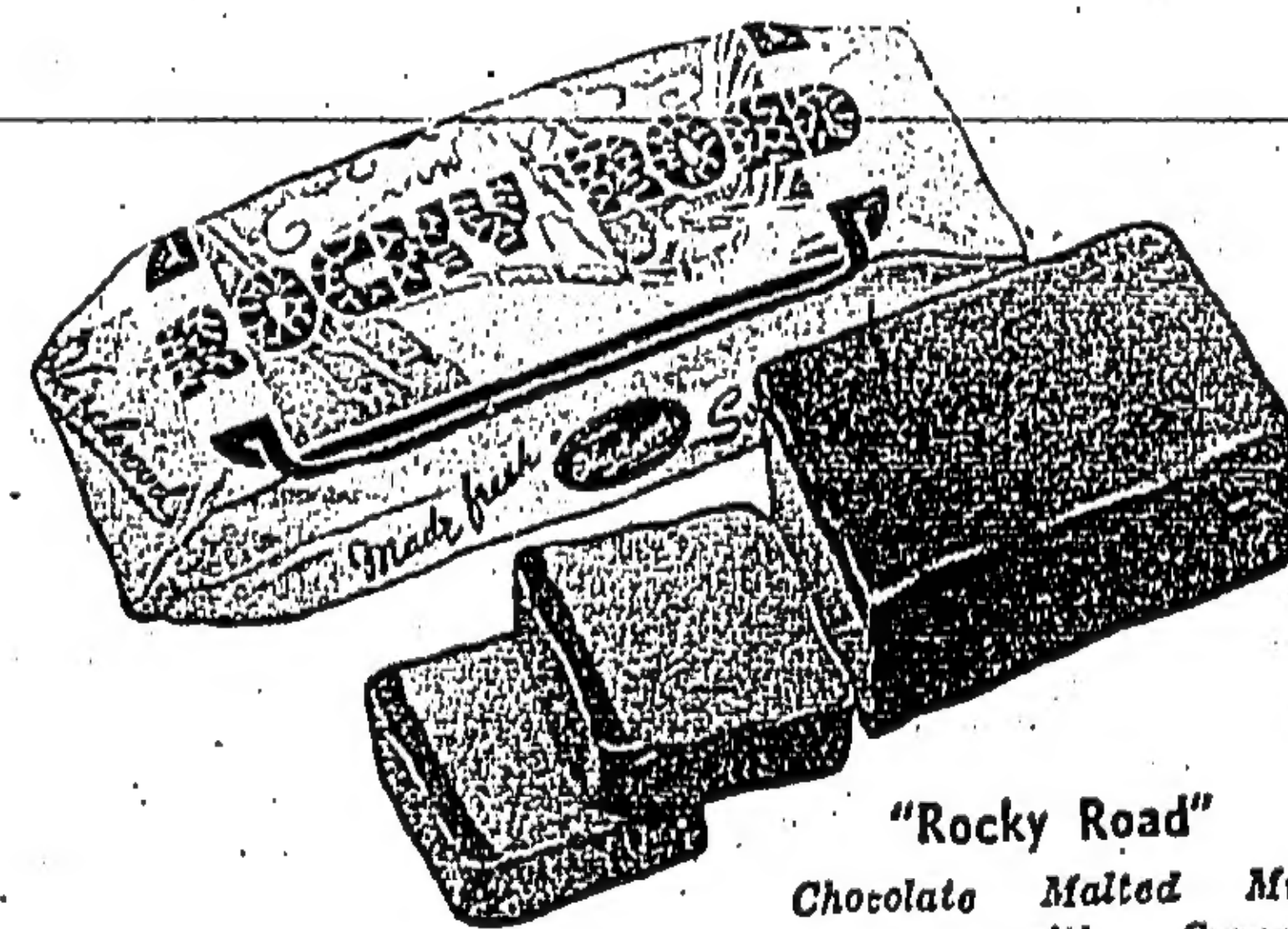
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Evacuees To Have Own Eisteddfod

LONDON, school children evacuated to South Wales are to have their own Eisteddfod.

The competitive spirit of the festival of song and music which is inseparable from Wales has so captured the London children that they are beginning to learn students of poetry, drama, and country dances. Children in over 60 L.C.C. schools evacuated to South Wales are taking part in the Eisteddfod, which has

Saboteurs Fire Italian Barracks

Italian barracks at Postumia, on the Italian-Yugoslav frontier, were set on fire by saboteurs recently. The barracks were burned out. Preliminary examination showed that sabotage was the cause. Four civilians were arrested and the entire Italian garrison is under strict observation.

been organised by L.C.C. officials in the area. There are more than 300 entries.

"Boy Mad" Said Her Report

THE school report of a 10-year-old girl who appeared before the Juvenile Court at Hove, Sussex, recently, described her as "boy mad." The girl was bound over for twelve months for stealing £8 in money and a number of stock bonds from a house in which she had been employed as a domestic servant. The police said the girl was married at Hove Register Office on December 18 to a 22-year-old airman. She said she spent the money on

Dornier's Son Must Quit U.S.

Claudius Dornier, son of the German aircraft manufacturer, has been refused a further extension of his visitor's permit in the United States the Department of Justice announced recently.

He has been in the United States since July, 1939.

her wedding ring and marriage licence.

Witnessed Wrights' First Flight

One of the last members of the little group of enthusiasts who watched the Wright brothers make their historic first flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903 died in North Carolina recently. He was Adam D. Etheridge, 68.

Before he died he had seen

M. P. Calls For State Control

Sir Richard Acland, Liberal M.P. for Barnstaple, said in Manchester recently: "To win the war the nation must now take over banks, railways, steel, coal, and engineering industries."

aviation develop into one of the world's most vital industries.

Paris Palace For Goering

It is rumoured that Goering is going to take up his residence in Paris in the Luxembourg Palace, according to a correspondent of the Free French Agency writing from the French frontier.

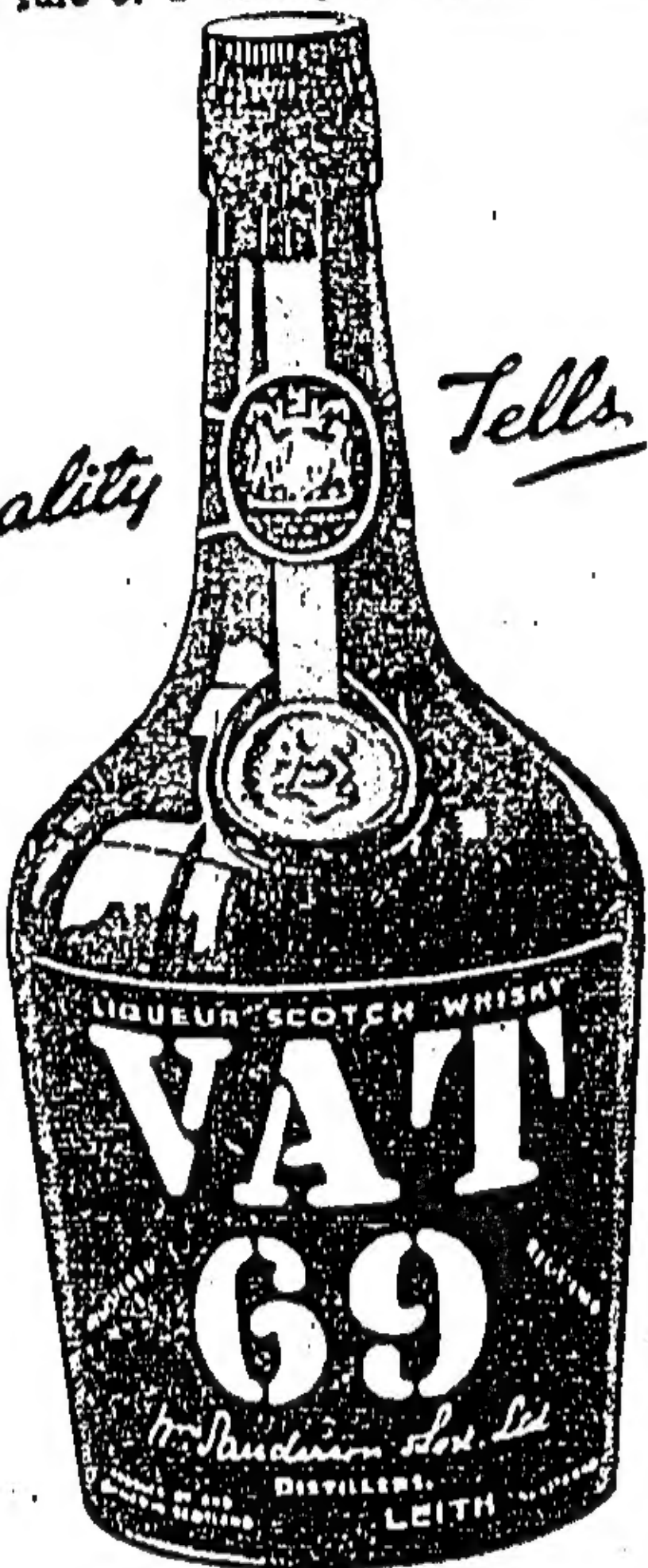
Interior alterations are being carried out at the Palace, where the Senate used to meet and where the President of the Senate had his residence. The palace was a former Royal residence.

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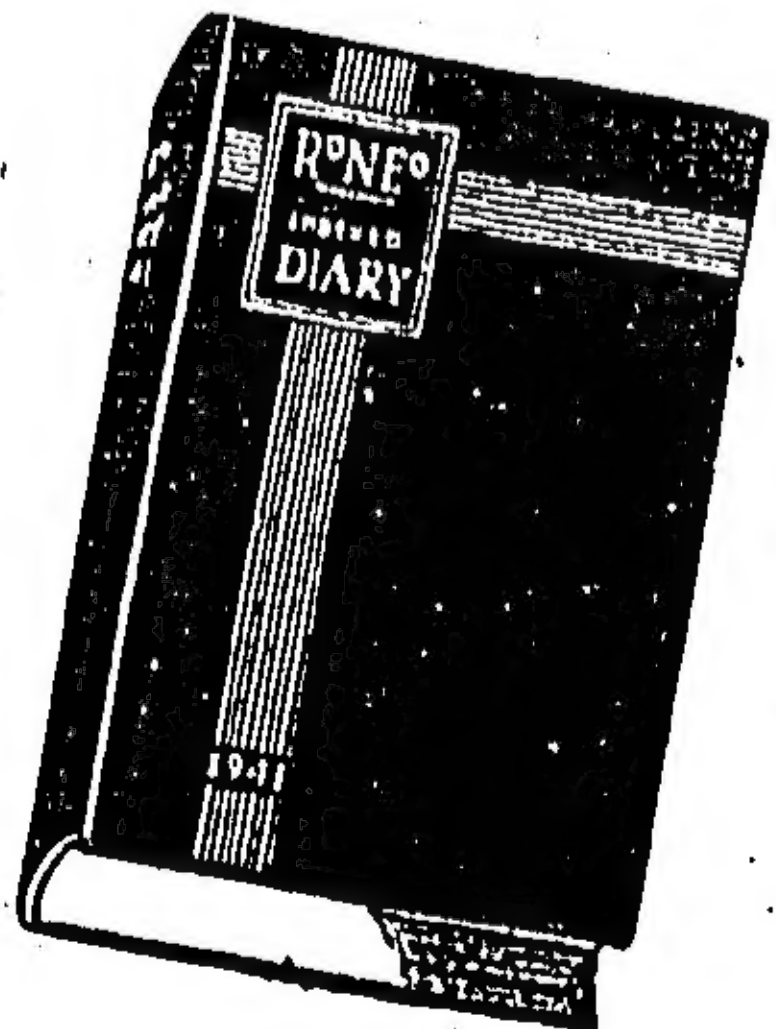
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DOES ITALY'S KING SUPPORT MUSSOLINI?

FOR years the huge bulk of the Italian Dictator has dwarfed the small, frail figure of the King of Italy. His thundering, braggart voice has drowned the words of wisdom from the tight lips of Victor Emmanuel.

The King has been almost forgotten by the western world, but he is still remembered in Italy. Many powerful people there remember there was a House of Savoy long before the world heard of Benito Mussolini, the blacksmith's son, and that they believe there will be a King—not far distant from the House of Savoy will again be at the head of a dictatorship, Italy.

Recently work has been coming through neutral channels that the King and the Dictator do not see eye to eye about the war. Disastrous defeats to the Italian navy and army add strength to King Victor's position. A newspaper writer a few weeks ago said that "the King's advice has been disregarded, and Mussolini is now raging because it turned out to be right."

By John Hammond

What the advice was he did not say, but it was sure to be good, for Queen Victoria, a good judge of men, said, "Young Victor Emmanuel is the most intelligent Prince of Europe." There are many such men in Italy, who would rather see the positions of King and dictator reversed, and who feel that the war, in any event, will be a losing one for Italy.

It is well known that Victor Emmanuel once accepted the dictatorship of Mussolini to save bloodshed in 1922. He could have withstood Mussolini, perhaps saving the life of his remembered little grandniece of the Vatican, but he backed slowly. And the King has been doing that all these years.

Standing behind the towering bulk of the Dictator he has watched, and thought, and waited. For some time he has probably thought the time is coming when the Dictator will come to the help of the Throne and the Crown Prince Umberto. On that day he will be for him to decide the future of Mussolini.

Disappointed "Jackal"

Is there any sign of this happening soon? Neutral observers believe so. What are their reasons?

First, had Italy been in a position to wage war successfully she would have done so right at the beginning, instead of waiting until the fall of France. She then was still undecided, but Mussolini, like Hitler, considered the democracies finished, and, like the jackals, sneaked in for his share. He must be a very disappointed jackal, for he is still waiting.

Again, the Italians are not Germans, as the Greeks and ourselves are showing the world, and their soldiers must be taken as representatives of the people. On that basis, how much would the Italian nation suffer before demanding relief and peace? Not a great deal.

And, most important, the fact is established, both by our own and neutral experts, that Italy is in a bad way economically. Not so bad that she will collapse in a few months; but still so unsound as to require definite and material assistance from her Axis partner. Every ton of coal must now come from Germany. She is already short of many necessities of munition-manufacture, such as brass and copper. But, greatest of all her troubles, she is very soon going to be short of food.

In only a few months of warfare this, the last phase of the war, Italy has more than half the week see Italy actually fighting against "meatless" days. Other staple foods Germany, as much her traditional enemy as Britain is her traditional friend.

Waiting His Chance

Many have always considered the King Victor Emmanuel and his family are pro-British, as with any doubt whatsoever were great numbers of Italians of all classes up to the very day Mussolini declared war, at all events. It is no means improbable that if peace returns to the House of Savoy, it will leave the side of Germany.

Fantastic as the matter may seem at the moment, the fact remains that Italy, in extricating herself from Axis, would need to throw herself in the mercy of Britain, relying on British for help in her desperate territorial position. As a consequence this, the last phase of the war in the sea, Italy actually fighting against Germany, as much her traditional enemy as Britain is her traditional friend.

The complete list of prizes in the

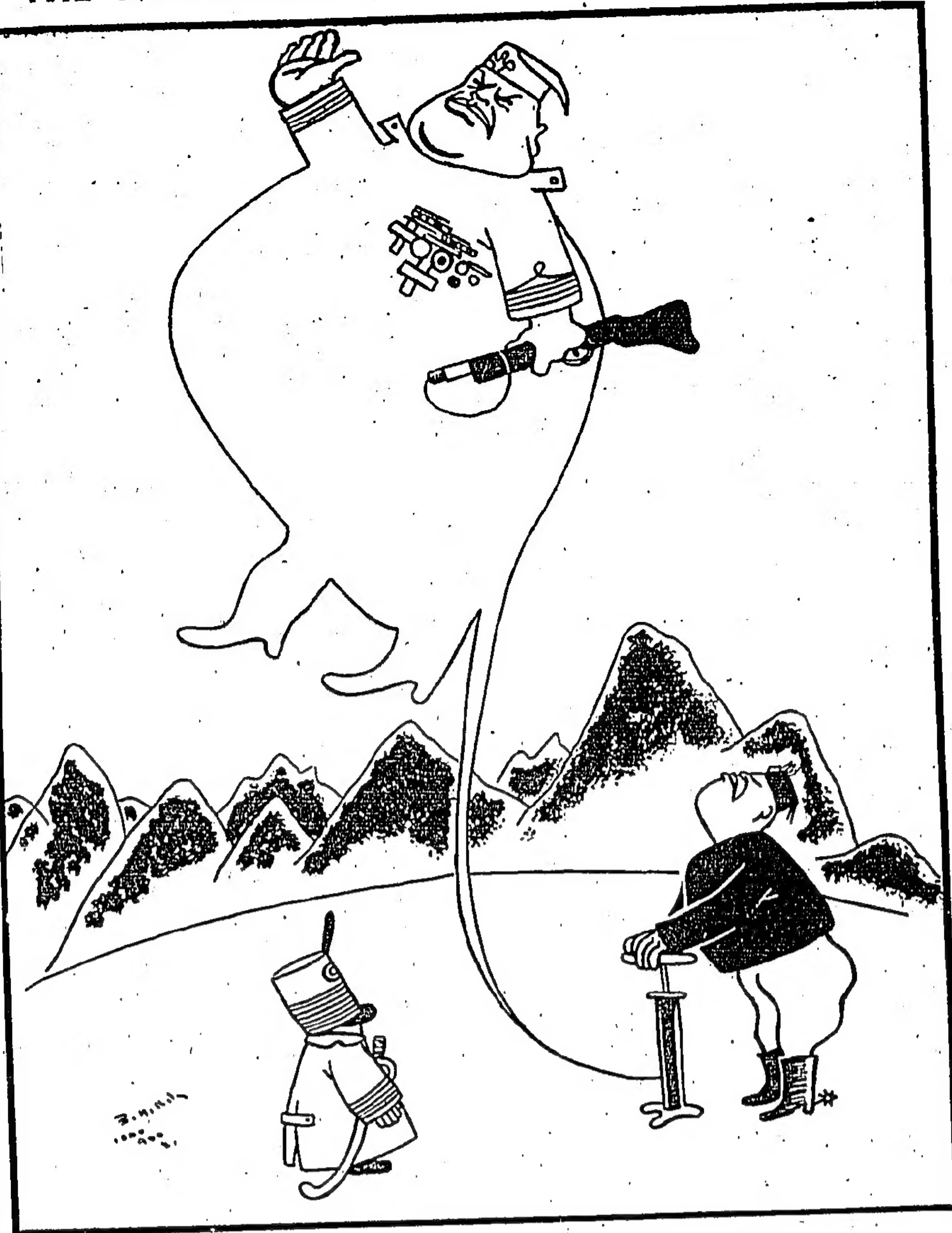
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THE NEW GREEK MYTHOLOGY

By BILLIKEN



"Once upon a time, there was a bad giant

By the Rev. W. Rowland Jones
Vicar of Denton, Manchester

They have been attacked and they
 WON, as surely as ever the veterans
 of 1918 won.

WHEN I determined to visit London to see the extent of the damage wrought upon my native city by the air raids, a friend said to me, "It will break your heart!"

I went to an old home of mine and there found a street, which had been part of my life, lying in ruins.

But I found again the same courage among the people. Wo-

There has been a battle of London and the people of London have come out on top.

But the victory must be for some purpose. There is no purpose in the courage and the endurance and the faith which wins unless fruits of victory are worth the achieving.

It has not broken my heart, but, singularly enough, it has given me new heart, such as nothing but a personal visit could have given.

What I had read made me proud of my own people. What I have seen in my first sight of widespread air-raid damage makes me certain that what they have endured, and the way they have endured, will be decisive in this conflict.

My last memory of the London which Hitler was going to raze to the ground was the sound of a porter singing—and he was actually singing a hymn: "Each victory will help

To fight merely for victory is not to know what that victory is going to achieve, is a cruel and a senseless waste of human life and human enduring.

What I Learned

Just as the River Plate action will be recorded as a victory, and just as the attack on Taranto Harbour will be recorded as a victory, in the annals of this war, so I want to see another triumph recorded, and I want it to read, "Autumn 1940—Victory of London."

As I left the station and walked in the London streets I looked for the scars.

It is true that there were tragic marks of destruction. But it is also true that everything was much as I had always known it.

And London, remember, is a city whose inhabitants are drawn from all over Britain. Of twenty people in one City office I know, nineteen were born in the provinces.

My biggest shock was when I went to see the vicar of the church I know well. It was shattered. The vicar's wife had been killed.

Then I went to an office where the typist apologised for the plaster lying around. Proudly she said, "We've had a bomb." I discovered that all the best people in London had to qualify for that description by that formula.

I felt the faith of my fellow citizens of London in those few days among the ruins.

I felt the faith that those people of London have stood up to it, not just to use the common phrase—that they have "taken it."

Before we enter—those unsocialist—who think only of self and of self—had set to work and built up old, bad houses again.

We want our plans for a better London, and a better Britain. We want NOW!

Hongkong Telegraph.

PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1941



IN THE DESERT—Photo of a survey unit of the Free French Forces at work during the recent Allied drive into Libya.



INDIANS TOAST KING—By Royal invitation, Indian troops in the West of England recently visited the King's farm. They toasted His Majesty in ginger ale.



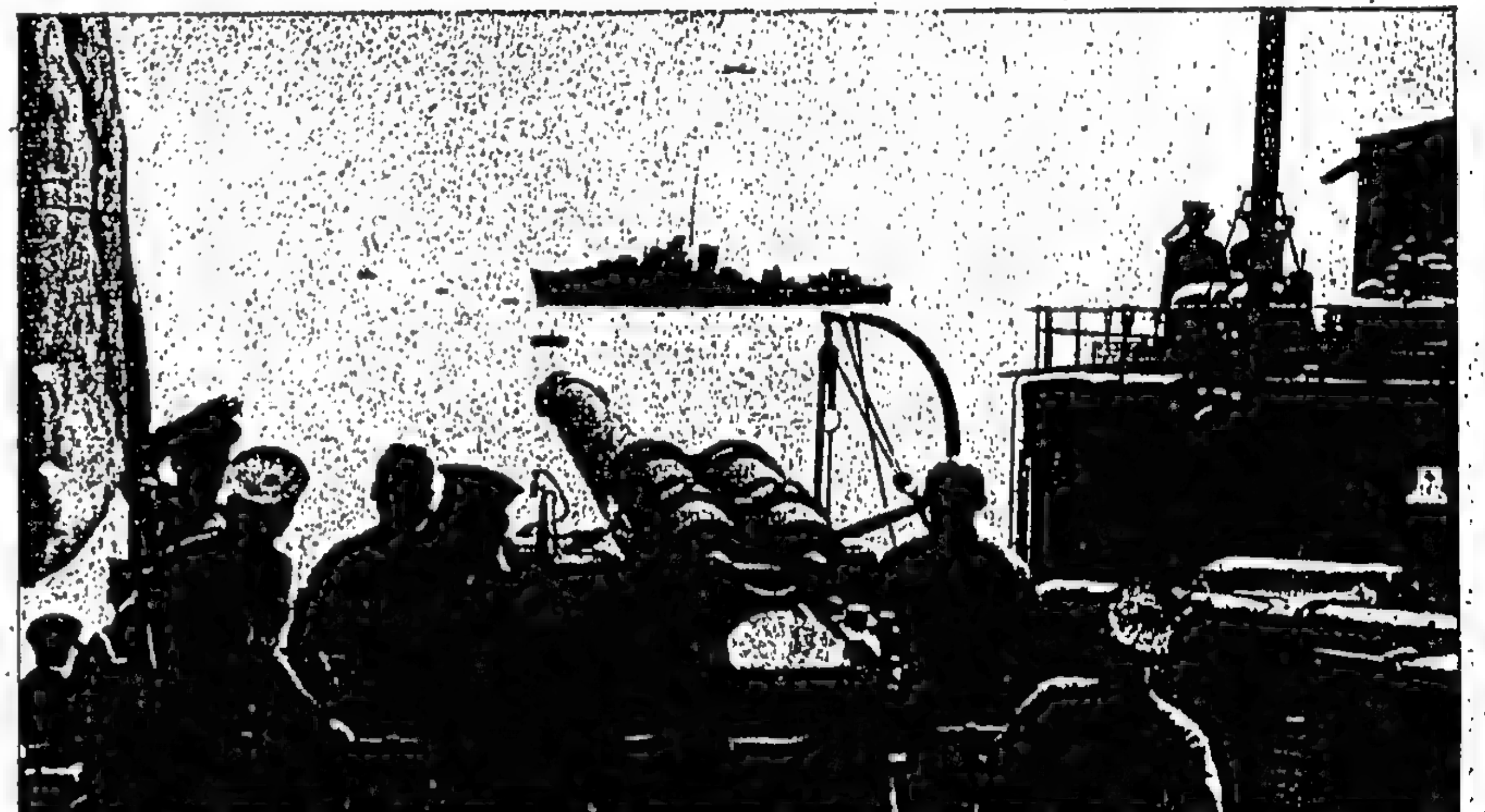
TOUR OF SHIPYARD—The King and Queen recently made a two-hour walking tour of a famous north-west shipyard, where they both helped to drive home rivets in the first keel plate of a warship.



PRESENT FOR HITLER—A 16-inch shell being lowered on to a battleship's deck from the ammunition ship. Each shell weighs a ton and will fire over ten miles.



SEAFORTHS IN MALAYA—A company of the Seaforth Highlanders, formerly stationed in Hongkong and North China, returning from a route march. The Seaforths are now in Malaya.

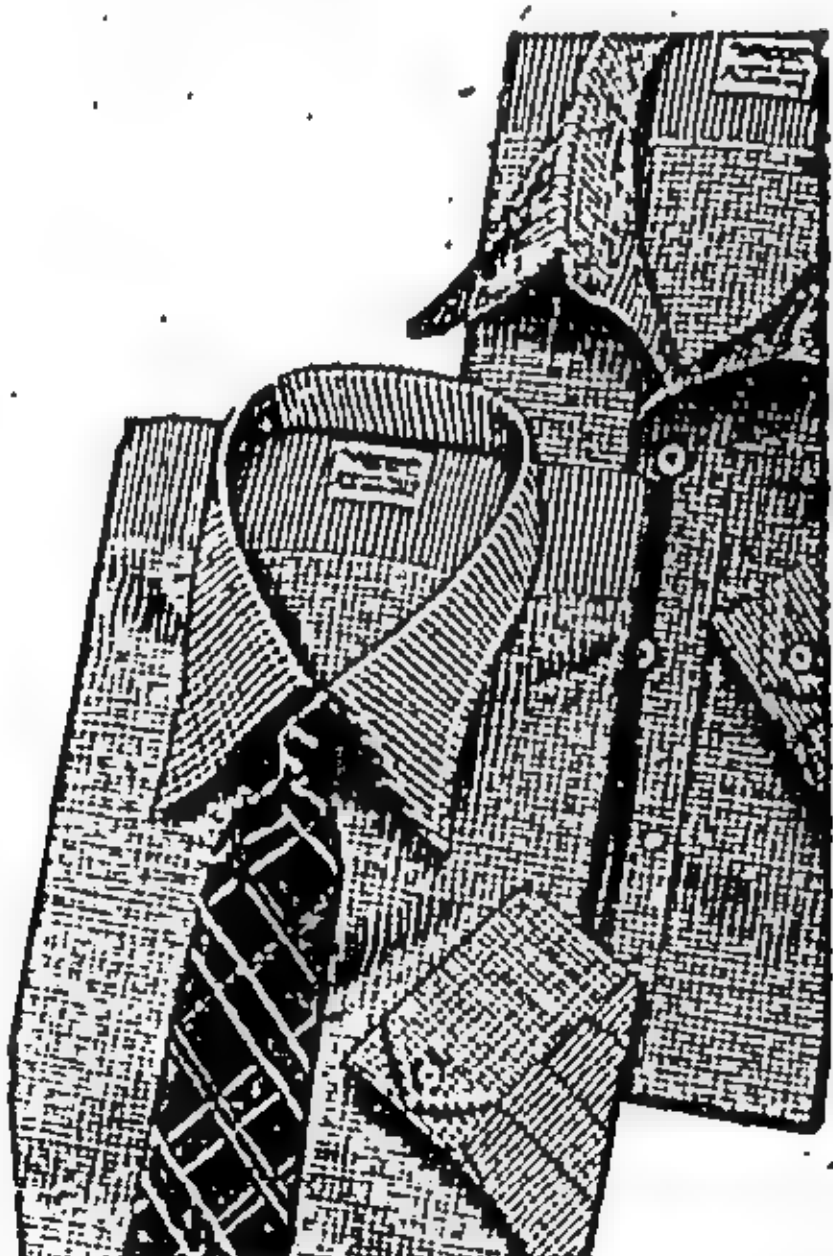


A SPITFIRE is seen in this photograph dive-bombing on a destroyer to exercise the gun crews.



MORE NEW ZEALAND AIRMEN arrive in Britain to serve with the Royal Air Force. The men seen are armourers and wireless operators, who will undertake ground duties.

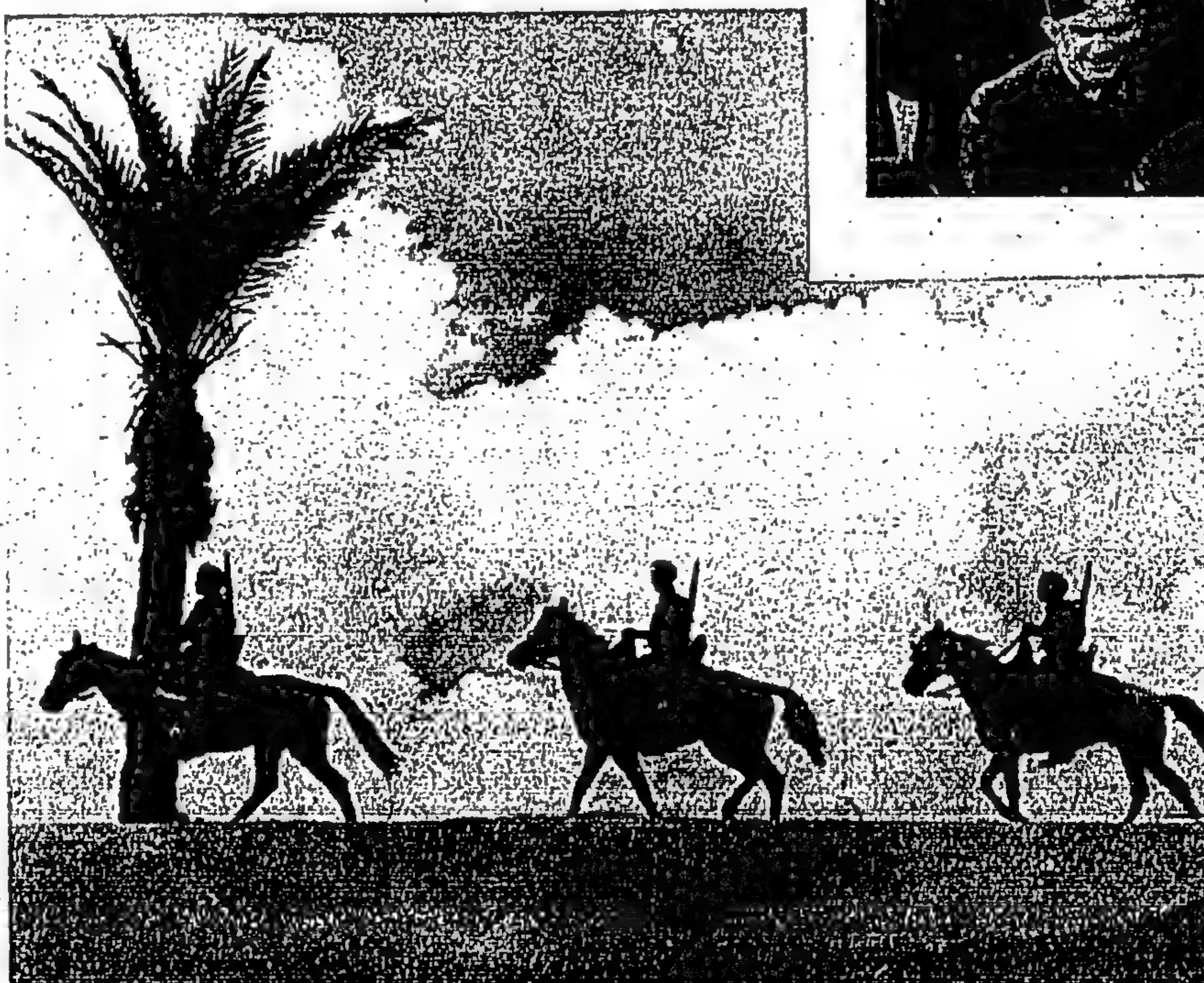
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DESERT LANDSCAPE—Members of a Spahi mounted patrol, attached to the Free French forces, going out for duty amid the dunes at dusk.

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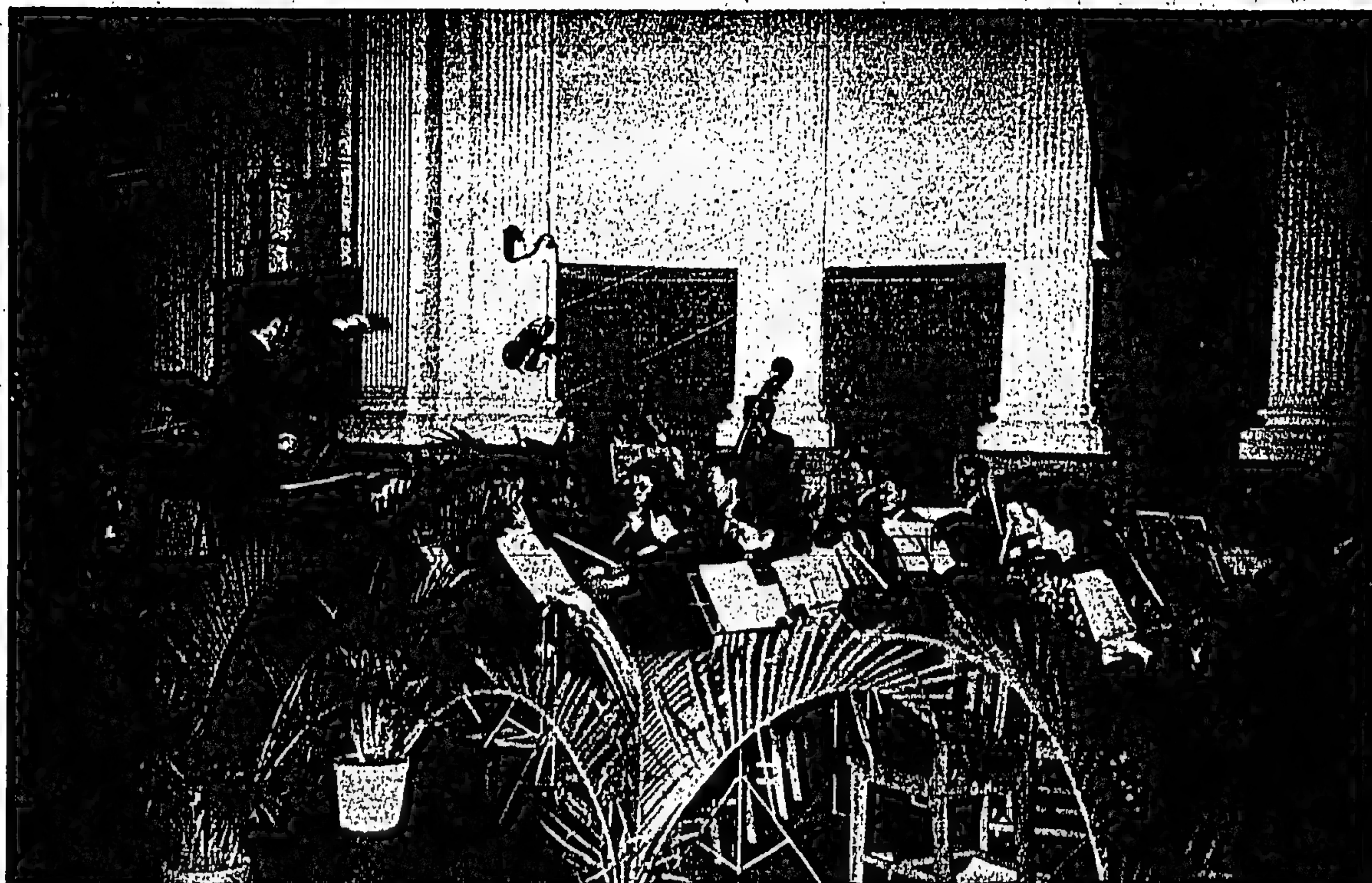
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UNIVERSITY CONCERT—Action picture shows Mr J. R. M. Smith conducting the St John's Hall Music Club orchestra during their recent concert in the Great Hall of the University, given in aid of the Chinese Red Cross, Hongkong Food Kitchens and other charities. (Photo: Peter Cheung).



CATHOLIC PROCESSION—Scene at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception last Sunday, showing the Procession of the Cross in which the entire congregation took part. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ST JOSEPH'S SPORTS—Photo shows the Matriculation Class of St Joseph's College, winners of the Senior Inter-Class Championship at the recent annual sports. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



WOMEN'S DAY—Dr Irene Tseng, formerly Miss Irene Ho Tung, snapped by the cameraman while speaking at the exercises held at the Caroline Hill stadium last Saturday in connection with the celebration of International Women's Day. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr So Kwok-hung and his bride, formerly Miss Sung Ngan-oi, photographed after their recent wedding at the Registry. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

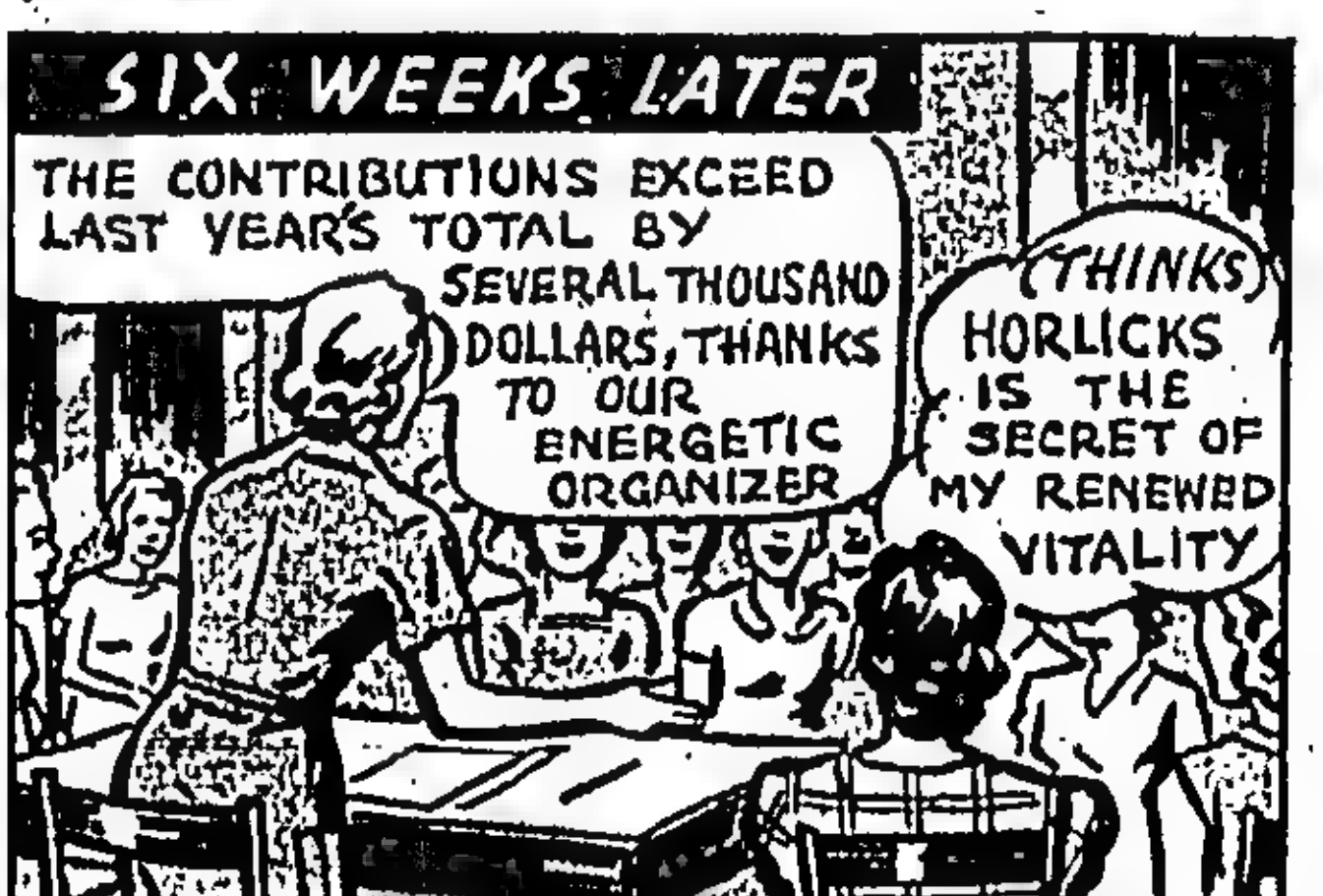
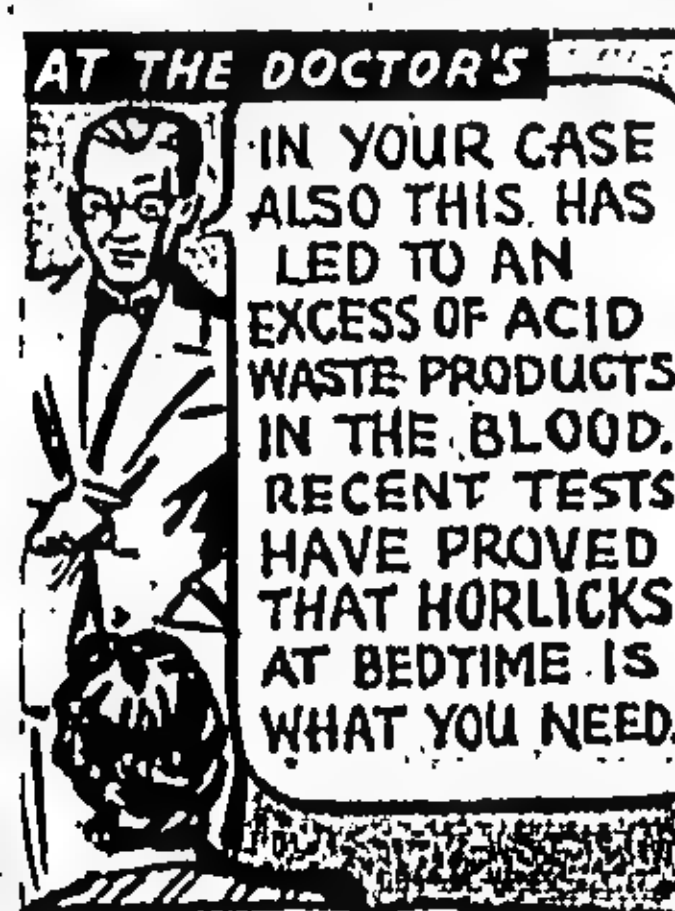
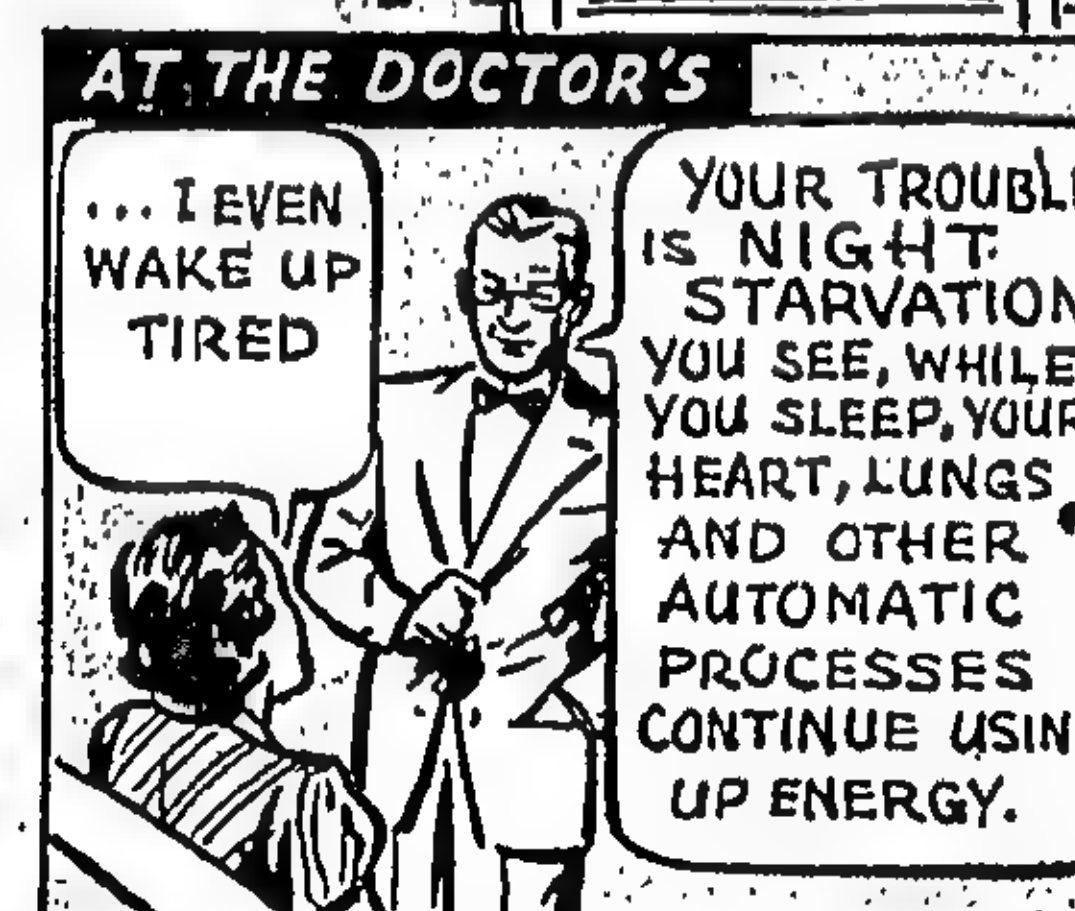


TO AID WAR EFFORT—Scene at the Hongkong Women's International Club last week, when a well-attended bridge and mahjong drive was held in aid of the Bomber Fund. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



MEMORIAL SERVICE—Photo shows well-known Hongkong Chinese residents and Central Government officials who attended the memorial service held at the Confucius Hall last week for the late Gen. Chu Hing-lan, of the National Relief Commission. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

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I Shall Never Forget

INVASION

By Reginald Foster

"LOOK at those ships—seven of 'em—what are they?" From the cliffs of Dover I looked again. I saw eight, then nine, then ten. Sweeping my glasses round the French coast, more than 30 grey ships could be seen lined up, and I have since heard that the actual number was more than 70.

It was a big German convoy.

I rushed to the telephone with confused thoughts at the back of my mind that this might be (as it was an invasion more—that anything might happen in the next hours—that I might not be able to telephone at all.

But at least I could tell the office something unusual was afoot.

This I did. By then all sorts of things were happening. German bombers were bombing Dover, long range guns were in action against the slowly disappearing German convoy.

Driving into Dover, I found my hotel and a number of buildings around-had-been-heavily bombed.

Then, suddenly, everything calmed down.

That afternoon, which had begun for me with quiet reading on the cliffs, I saw as much as any civilian has of Hitler's invasion fleet.

That day, on September 11, and the days that followed, will always be among my memories—days of great air battles, when we saw hundreds of German bombers held off by our few fighters. For days I was chasing parachutes and watching planes crash.

It was the First Battle of Britain. I do not think we realised it at the time.

LEAP FOR LIFE By Bishop Marshall

SIX a.m. in the Arctic Ocean on a June morning. The British destroyer steamed full-speed ahead through the northern-most fjords of Norway out into the open sea, her decks lined with 400 officers and men and myself, the official photographer.

We were evacuating Norway, and Nature was kind, for the gale and the mist meant that we were safe from German bombers.

After eight hours' steaming we saw the troopship which was to take us back to England.

And now Nature was striking back. The seas were so heavy that it was impossible to tie up alongside the troopship, and a plank with a slimy rope was put out from a hole in the steamer's side—and we were rising and falling about 18 feet every few seconds.

We could obviously make only

On this page, noted newspapermen whose comments, reports and photographs regularly appeared in the "Hongkong Telegraph" last year, pick from their crowded memories of momentous events the 1940 experiences that impressed them most.

ON A MAY DAY

By F. G. H. Salusbury

THE thing I shall never forget is a day—an especially lovely summer day in Belgium, Saturday, May 11. It provided my first experience of a German bomber.

We had been up through Oudenarde and Brussels to a vague contact with the still invisible German troops.

Confidence was in the air, though the roads were thick with refugees—refugees in cars, and carts, on foot and on bicycles, nuns swishing through the dust in their heavy robes, old people supporting themselves desperately by the tailboards of farm carts.

On our return, near Alost, the sky seemed suddenly dark with the thunder of engines. The Boche was after the railway line.

We stopped our car. I crouched against an orchard wall. The machine roared overhead, and I saw the bombs fall—one, two, three, four, five, six in a steep line, like the tracks of a stair.

Then they exploded; and, as they went off, a Belgian farmer scrambled out of a ditch near me shaking his fist, and screaming his hate of the German.

A hundred yards down the road, we met a policeman "Are you by any chance a doctor, monsieur?" he asked.

He was leading a man by the hand, and the man's face was a mask of blood.

Just as, for me, had become the face of that lovely summer day.

SYMBOL

By Ritchie Calder

IT was in London's worst bombed area. Street after street had been reduced to rubble. A grey mist of dried clay, which had been churned out of the craters by burst mains, hung like a miasma over a district as dead as Pompeii.

At the corner of a shattered street there was a man, lanky and leon-jawed, wandering through the ruins, with only stray cats for company.

With me was a member of the Government. We hailed him, and he talked.

"What was he doing back there?" On just exploring the wreck that had been his home to see if there was anything worth recovering.

Where was his family? Gone to his married daughter. He was living in a shelter under the arches, and going to his work each day in the docks.

How did he eat? Well, he just managed somehow. Bread and cheese at the pub, mostly.

So it went on, a story of quiet endurance, of nights under bombardment, of a job of work to be done, of a home that had once been brisk and cheerful and now was—thick!

He was almost too patient.

"I can't say how much I admire you," said the member of the Government. "How do you stick it? It's almost too much to expect."

"That's all right, mate," replied the docker with a grin. "We're all in together, ain't we?"

Sometimes I have had doubts of it, when I have seen doors slammed on the faces of him. But when I was fresh confidence in the future which belonged to the people, I remember him.

THE STRAGGLER

By A. J. McWhinnie

WE were being shelled in the Straits of Dover. We'd had nearly three hours of it.

It was the skipper of a little thousand-ton Swansea collier, straggling in the convoy with which he simply couldn't keep pace.

Through glasses up on the destroyer's bridge we watched him leaning comfortably on his own bridge, a grey cloth cap on his head, a pipe in his mouth.

Shells were bursting all round him. But he just went on smoking. Another 1,000 miles an hour shell from Cap Gris Nez roared past us, sending up great mountains of dense, black smoke where the collier was a second before.

"My God, they've got him!" someone groaned. The smoke cleared. The collier was still there bobbing serenely along. The skipper took his pipe from his mouth, spat into the Channel, made the thumbs up sign to us.

Then he went on smoking.

CHAMBERLAIN

By Maurice Webb

ONE scene stands out in a year of memorable events at Westminster. More clearly than anything else I recall the bewildered, broken figure of Mr Chamberlain rising slowly from his seat on the Front Bench to pass from the House of Commons after the result of the division on the Norway debate—a few days before the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

This was a moment which belongs to history. For it marked the end of an epoch in our affairs.

There had been two days of stalling, searching debate in which the Government was assailed from all quarters.

Before the House divided we knew that those in command of the Government machine were seriously concerned about the result.

The Tellers marched in, and the figures were announced. With a nominal majority of over 400, Mr Chamberlain could get only 81 more votes than those who were against him.

The Premier slumped in his seat. In the sudden silence which preceded the cheers of the jubilant minority, he knew what we all knew—that he had reached the end.

The Tories stood and started a faint cheer as their Leader left them. Looking round with a puzzled and pained expression, as if to find someone who would say it was all a mistake, he passed Mr Speaker's Chair, his voice never to be heard again at Westminster.

As he disappeared from view there passed away one of the most bitterly controversial periods in British political history.

GOOD CITIZEN By Mea Allan

I WAS bombed. And the six of us who had been strangers, though sheltering together in the same basement, immediately became friends.

The bomb fell only a few yards from us, and when we crawled out into the open, through a jungle of smashed doors and blasted walls, Pat and I just stood and gazed at the little wreckage of the little street.

Pat's home was under a rubble heap, and her hand tightened on mine.

One girl said: "My winter coat—just back from the cleaners!"

Pat said: "I got a new pair of shoes only yesterday." All I could think of was a new egg-beater. Two shillings it cost. And that himself clean! As unconcerned as if he was mourning—two shillings he put by a growing hearthside instead of on a cold heap of bomb-kindness and years of gifts and sacrifice that made up the treasure of his little home.

But the woman who lived in the basement of Pat's house stood and children that matched a madman's before it, when I am a very old man.

Pat brought Timmy to the shelter, too.

"DAPHNE"

By Wallace King

I MET her at Dunkirk, at the end of May. Like myself, she had just managed to keep ahead of the Nazi hordes which were pouring through Belgium, and was trying to reach England.

Small and pretty, she still looked well-groomed in spite of the ghastly trek she had made.

I mentally named her "Daphne" and classed her as one of the ornamental but useless type of woman.

Twelve hours later we were among 150 British refugees—mostly women and children—on board one of the ferry boats which in peace time carried passenger train coaches between Dunkirk and Folkestone.

That night Dunkirk was bombed for the first time and the Captain ordered us down to the hold.

For nearly eight hours the harbour was bombed and machine-gunned. Great fires lit up our ship and bombs dropped all around us, rocking the huge vessel like a rowing boat.

How wrong I was about "Daphne." All night long, with the German planes zooming and diving overhead, with the air constantly vibrating with explosions and the crack of machine-gun bullets, I never saw her flinch or falter.

All through those terrible hours she moved about in the gloom, reassuring a frightened, aged woman here, making a child comfortable there, frequently climbing down to the boilers to heat up food for the dozens of babies.

Then the dreadful dawn, the acrid smell of countless fires polluting the air. She was busy carrying tea around.

Dear "Daphne." She gave me my first picture of the magnificent courage of the women of Britain to-day.

After another night of horror we sailed for "somewhere in England."

When we got to the barrier at the station she could not find her ticket, and I was surprised to see her get flurried and nervous.

Before it could be found in some crevice in her handbag "Daphne"—who had braved two terrible nights of incessant bombing without turning a hair—burst into tears!

Ever since he was a kitten he'd been nervous. But animals aren't allowed.

Poor Timmy.

When dawn struggled grey and cold along the river I came up to the street again. No use going to the flat. There was nothing there but dust.

I came to Pat's house. Timmy's home.

"Meow!" I heard.

And there, sitting on the rubble, was Timmy paw raised to his feathery pink tongue. A grey Timmy, that had once been ebony black. And Timmy was licking the dust off, and had only paused to say good morning.

I could have wept. Instead, I laughed—perhaps a shinky sort of laugh, for death had not been far away last night. Timmy licking himself clean! As unconcerned as if he was mourning—two shillings he put by a growing hearthside instead of on a cold heap of bomb-kindness and years of gifts and sacrifice that made up the treasure of his little home.

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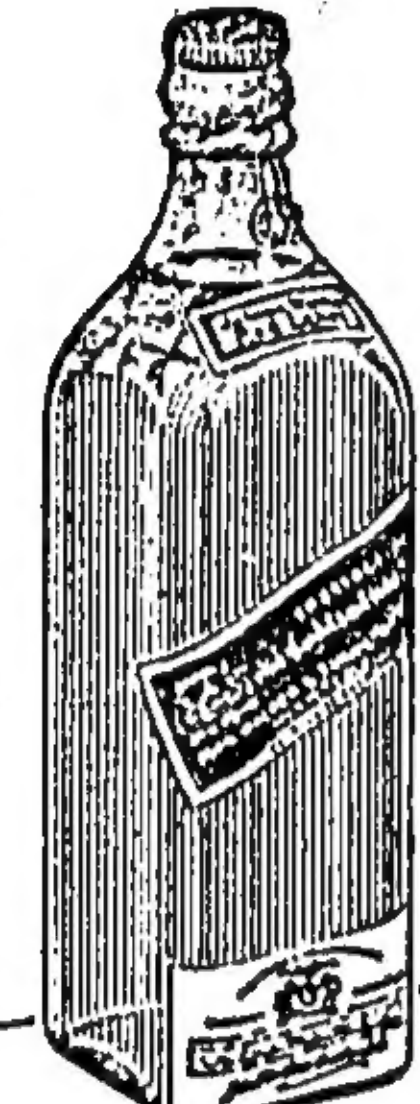
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by
Sir Hugh Walpole

This week, for a change, I love "the Half Dozen!" Shake-suggest a literary game that spare, Milton, Keats, Wordsworth, Gibbon, Dickens.

That is a conventional question, and so is the next.

No. 2. Who are the six greatest living English novelists?

Wells (the early Wells only), E. N. Forster, Virginia Woolf, Aldous Huxley, Maugham, May Sinclair (May Sinclair is forgotten, but she is still alive—a most excellent novelist. James Joyce is, in my opinion, a poet rather than a novelist).

The letter is as follows:

Dear Sir,

The other evening here we propounded some questions, and all wrote down the answers according to their individual tastes and fancies.

Afterwards we decided that we would ask you the questions, and send you some of our answers—and here you are.

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I HAVE answered the questions (all but one). These questions have nothing to do with general knowledge or special erudition. They are only a list of personal tastes.

I would add that my airmen friends have used the word "English" when they mean "British." So have I—and I hope no Scotsman will write to me angrily.

No. 1. Who are the six greatest English writers? (I would say here that my young friends

No. 3. What books would you take with you if you must live on a desert island for the rest of your days? Only a small box allowed.

Shakespeare, the Odyssey, six Waverley Novels in one volume, Haslett (Nonsuch), Keats's Life, Letters, Poems (1 Vol.), The Brothers Karamazov, six Novels of Thomas Hardy in 1 Vol., the Bible, Book of Oxford Verse, Gibbon (in 2 Vols., American edition), Proust. I would have everything here that an average literary man could need. I should like a fountain pen and some paper as well!

No. 4. Whom do you consider the half-dozen most underrated living English writers?

Hilaire Belloc, Sacheverell Sit-

well, Forrest Reid, N. P. Shiell. Here are some to be going on say here that my young friends

the list with Hilaire Belloc, but I consider that because of his great variety and the multiplicity of his books he is not yet sufficiently realised for the great writer that he is.

Sacheverell Sitwell is less publicly recognised than his brother and sister. He, too, writes so much that the critics are as yet bewildered. Some of his poetry is magnificent.

Forrest Reid is one of the most delicate and sensitive novelists alive. Read "Follow-ing Darkness," "The Bracknells," "Apostate."

N. P. Shiell is the author of those strange books "The Purple Cloud" and "The Lord of the Sea." Of many others also. He has a streak of genius with many impossibilities, obscurities, incredibilities.

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No. 5. Whom do you consider the half-dozen most underrated writers in England?

This is the question I have left unanswered for very obvious reasons. My young air friends, though, have sent their answers, and most interesting they are!

The next question is a most interesting one, and deserves much more space than I can give it.

6. What authors universally considered important are you altogether unable to read?

MY answer is—Peacock, Edmund Spenser, Stendhal, Voltaire. These will do to be going on with.

The one for my taste to be really ashamed of here is Voltaire. Well, I can see that "Candide" and "Zadig" are great works. Voltaire is simply not for me, that's all.

Stendhal is my blind spot. I detest his coldness.

Peacock seems to be a tiresome, unassuming, chattering old man. "The Faerie Queen" is lovely and unreadable.

No. 7. Who are the best living English storytellers?

Here's a jolly question! Most of the best storytellers are dead, but I would name A.E. W. Mason (facile princeps), Robert Hichens, Dorothy Sayers, Eric Ambler, C. S. Forester—that is not a bad list to go on with.

There is room for one more question only:

No. 8. What three writers would you yourself like to be a combination of—leaving out the very greatest?

I have no doubt as to my own personal answer—Balzac, Dumas and Keats. What a novelist they would make!



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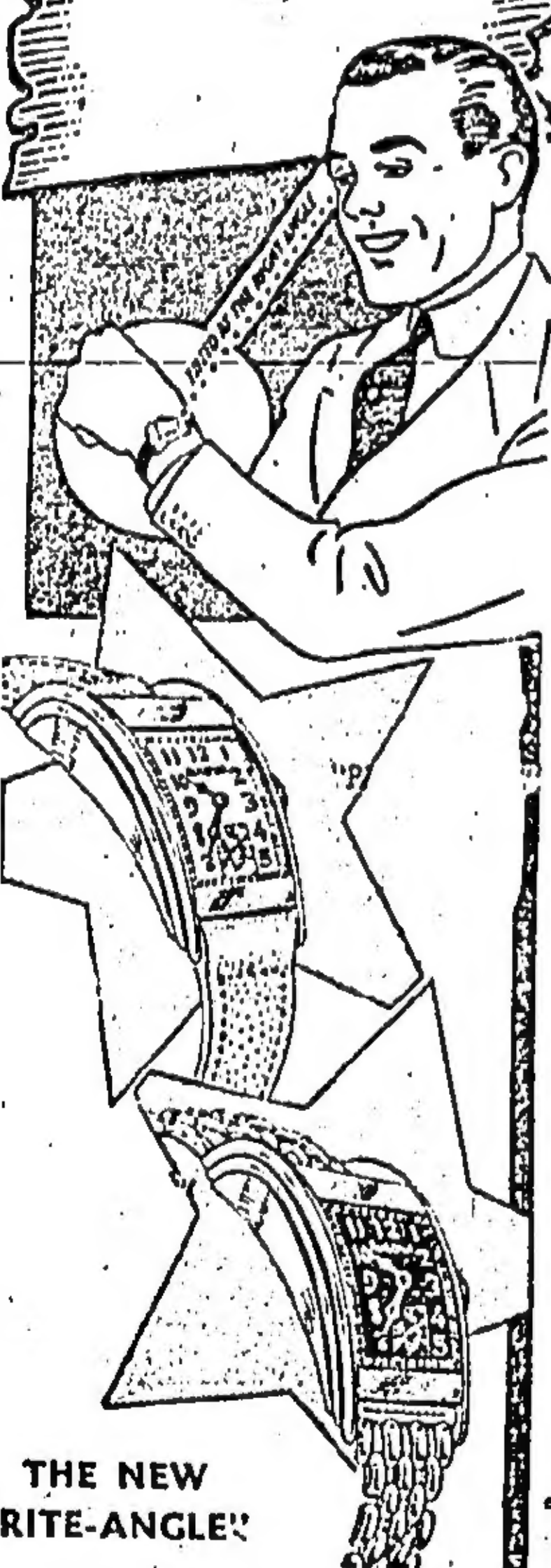
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Tops Year's Stars

NUMBER ONE film star in British and American cinemas in 1940 was five-foot-three, snub-nosed, nineteen-year-old Mickey Rooney. This has been established by the poll of British and American cinemas conducted by the American "Motion Picture Herald."

This means that Mickey Rooney has changed places with Deanna Durbin, who was first in 1939 and is now second.

Others in the first ten, in order, are Spencer Tracy, Jeanette MacDonald, George Formby, Nelson Eddy, Errol Flynn, James Cagney, Gary Cooper, and Bing Crosby.

As compared with the first ten stars of 1939, James Cagney and Bing Crosby come in, while Shirley Temple and Robert Taylor drop out.

Shirley Temple has temporarily retired at the pictorially awkward age of 12. Robert Taylor has had bad luck with stories.

Mickey Rooney's suc-

cess was foreseen by his employers, for whom he is estimated to have earned at the box offices of cinemas over £6,000,000 in the past 12 months.

Last September he was given a new contract by which he is paid at the rate of £24,000 a year, out of which he was allowed by the Los Angeles courts £25 a week for personal pocket money and £250 a week for living expenses.

(All contracts for minors in films have to be approved by the Los Angeles courts.)

In the past year, Mickey Rooney has appeared in "Babies in Arms," "Judge Hardy and Son," "Strike up the Band" and "Young Tom Edison," currently showing in Hongkong.

Of British film stars, George Formby and Robert Donat were top, followed by Gracie Fields, Arthur Askey, Lucan and McShane, Charles Laughton, Will Hay, Conrad Veidt, Gordon Harker, and Anna Neagle.

Of these stars, Gracie Fields, Charles Laughton, Conrad Veidt, and Anna Neagle are now in Hollywood.

The Great Dictator

Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator," which has now played a week at the Lee Theatre to excellent houses, will be held over for another week at least, according to the latest information.

Though described as an uneven film, because politics conflicts so much with pure comedy and a long harangue is inserted at the end, "The Great Dictator" will appeal to every cinema-goer except the most fastidious, and even the latter must acknowledge that there are brilliant moments in which Chaplin is at his comical best.

The Lee Theatre will show "Rebecca" next. A serialisation of this remarkable novel by Daphne du Maurier will run in the "Telegraph" next week—watch for it!

Young Tom Edison

Mickey Rooney gives his most worthwhile piece of acting to date in this fascinating biographical drama which depicts the early life of the famous American inventor—Thomas Edison.

The boyishness of the character, combined with the latent genius in his character, are brilliantly brought out and the human quality of the film is exceedingly good.

There are, of course, thrills mostly concerned with the boy's inventive genius; he amplifies light so that his mother can be operated on safely and saves a train from crashing over a bridge which has been blown up, by an engine whistle to send a message in Morse.

Young Tom is expelled from school for his somewhat disastrous inquisitiveness but the end of the picture shows the start of his recognition as a youth with ideas and genius.

Virginia Weidler is delightful as Tannie, his sister and Fay Bainter and George Bancroft score as his parents.

The film is on at the Queen's and Alhambra.

Four Wives

"Four Wives," now showing at the King's Theatre, continues the adventures of the "Four Daughters," and tells of the marital life of three of them and the personal tragedy of the fourth.

The development of the story centres around the situation of Ann, the young widow who, about to have a baby by her dead husband, is now in love with a young composer. Her mental obsessions in regard to her husband's brief happiness and her trepidations concerning her new romance provide the emotional impetus of the film.

While the interest of the film is mainly obstetric, there are amusing moments which have little to do with babies. The picture retains much of the charm of its predecessors, with Priscilla Lane appearing again in the role of Ann, and the other Lane sisters, Rosemary and Lola, and Gala Page as the other three sisters.

Claude Rains, May Robson, Jeffrey Lynn, Frank McHugh and Eddie Albert are also in the cast, the last-named giving a commendable and sincere portrayal of a young doctor. There is a brief glimpse of John Garfield, the dead Mickey, in a vision scene.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. What proportion of water to land covers the earth's surface—2 to 1, 3 to 1, 4 to 1, 5 to 1, 10 to 1?
2. The United States Johnson Act bans—(a) export of arms (b) volunteering by Americans for service in foreign armies (c) loans and credits to nations which have defaulted on war debts.
3. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was a popular writer; he used the name of—?
4. How many times in 24 hours do eight bells sound in a ship?
5. What are the last twelve words of the Bible?
6. If you said an insect was sesquipedalian, what would you mean?
7. A sextant is (a) a person who tolls a church bell (b) sixth part of a circle (c) a stanza of six lines.
8. Vanua Levu is a (a) medicine (b) one of the Fiji Islands (c) province of Armenia (d) Siberian tree.
9. What is a "dead man's handle?"
10. Who watched an apple fall? Who shot an arrow at an apple? Who won a race for a golden apple?

Answer on Page 14

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TELEGRAPH SATURDAY FEATURE

YOUR HEALTH

BY CLAUD NORTH CHRISMAN, M.D.

LOTS OF GOOD IN BANANAS BUT EAT THEM WHEN RIPE

MRS C. J. Y. of Colorado writes that she is much interested in bananas as a food. She reads so much about them as food for children and in reducing diets. She says she was brought up to believe they were hard to digest and were not good for babies, causing intestinal trouble.

I was taught the same thing in my younger days. But I learned better when I observed that babies who were starving, because all milk and gruels would immediately come up, could keep a ripe banana down.

The trouble with bananas is that they are eaten before they are ripe. Grocers used to tell me they were compelled to throw away bananas that had brown or dark spots on them. People wanted them greenish yellow or bright yellow. Now we know they were throwing away the easily digested bananas and selling the poor ones—those that were lacking both as to digestibility and nourishment.

Use 'Em When Ripe

Ripe bananas, where the skin is speckled with brown spots, are readily digested. They contain natural fruit sugars, an abundance of easily absorbed minerals and they are good sources of vitamins A, B, C and G. They are a good food for children, and are frequently prescribed as the first solid food for babies.

Such bananas are quickly and easily digested. They supply food and energy and take the place of other sweets which a child so frequently craves. Milk and bananas together produce an almost completely balanced diet. Children who otherwise refuse milk will often take it when poured over sliced bananas.

Bananas are good food for old folks because they require little chewing. They are nourishing and do not cause digestive disturbances and upsets. The minerals of many fruits are acid forming, while those of bananas are alkali forming.

Moreover, a banana is a sterile food. Nature seals them in an airtight envelope, which is tough and does not allow germs or dirt to penetrate.

trite. As long as bruise or cut does not penetrate the skin entirely, they remain sterile.

Many of our fruits and vegetables are contaminated by dust, flies and bacteria before they can reach us. Ripe, brown-speckled bananas contain more vitamins and minerals than green-tipped or yellow ones and the starches have been changed to easily digested sugars. It is often wise to purchase bananas while slightly green or yellow and allow them to lie at room temperature till they turn brown. Do not let them ripen in the refrigerator.

Good Too If Cooked

Unripe bananas should be cooked before using. This will be found to make them more digestible, besides giving them a delightful flavor which goes well with meats or vegetables. Banana pie is a delicious dessert for some people.

Bananas are an economical food. The price is not high and they furnish a goodly amount of readily available nourishment. They are mildly laxative, but seem to have some effect on the intestinal flora that causes a quieting influence on an irritable colon.

Indeed, in the diarrheal condition of children they are often all that is needed. A banana between meals will satisfy most children and keep down their craving for candies, cakes and other sweets.

They are very helpful as a part of reducing diets, because they are filling and are quickly satisfying to the appetite. This quiets the hunger for heavier foods, while providing sufficient nutrition.

Sliced bananas may be prevented from turning brown while standing by dipping them in grape fruit or pineapple juice. Some prefer a sprinkle of lemon juice, which will supply the same effect.

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3. Lewis Carroll.
4. Six times (midday, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., midnight, 4 a.m., 8 a.m.).
5. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
6. That it was a foot and a half long.
7. Sixth part of a circle.
8. Second largest of the Fiji Islands.
9. Device for stopping an electric train if the disabled driver relaxes pressure.
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